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Kuroishi Megumi and Kougami Suzuka are in love But because of the Kougami family's Guardian Spirit, the Dragon God's curse, whenever Megumi meets eyes with Suzuka, the "Slave Curse" is unleashed And plus, on top of that, a suitor for Suzuka's appeared-?! The omake chapter "Kuroiwa-san's Family Situation" is also included

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TORAWARE NO MINOUE'S PREVIOUS VOLUME SYNOPSIS.....

A LONG LONG TIME AGO, IN THE MUROMACHI ERA,

THE FAMOUS THIEF, KURONEKO-MARU, STOLE THE SCROLL "NOBORI RYUU NO KAKEJIKU" FROM THE RICH AND POWERFUL KOUGAMI FAMILY.

THE PROTECTING GOD OF THE KOUGAMI FAMILY, THE DRAGON GOD, APPEARED AND AS PUNISHMENT, KURONEKO-MARU RECEIVED A CURSE THAT "HE AND HIS DESCENDANTS MUST SERVE THE KOUGAMI FAMILY FOR ALL THEIR LIVES"—

BACK TO THE PRESENT KURONEKO-MARU'S DESCENTANT KUROISHI YOSHIMI, IS SERVING THE KOUGAMI FAMLY. HOWEVER,

HAPPY!

WHAT?

THE KOUGAMI FAMILY WENT ON A TRIP TO CHINA 14 YEARS AGO, AND THEY WERE REPORTED AS "DECEASED" AFTER BEING MISSING FOR SO LONG

Awuh, master... mistress... miss...

AND THEN...

THE ONLY SURVIVOR OF THE KOUGAMI FAMILY, KOUGAMI SUZUKA-CHAN (17), HAS RETURNED FROM CHINA

NIHAO!

I'm glad you're all right!

*"NI HAO" = HELLO IN CHINESE

HAS GROWN UP WITH THE MONEY LEFT BY THE KOUGAMI WITHOUT KNOWING A THING ABOUT THE CURSE

(20 YRS OLD)

THE MANAGER'S SON, KUROISHI MEGUMI (20),

BY THE WAY ...

WHENEVER HE SEES SUZUKA-CHAN, THE "SERVANT REACTION" TAKES OVER HIS PERSONALITY.

Please let me serve you.

Hime.

*"HIME = PRINCESS

IN MEGUMI'S CASE, SINCE HE WAS BROUGHT UP WITHOUT KNOWING ABOUT THE CURSE AT ALL, THE RESULT IS SPECTACTULAR!

A truth revealed!

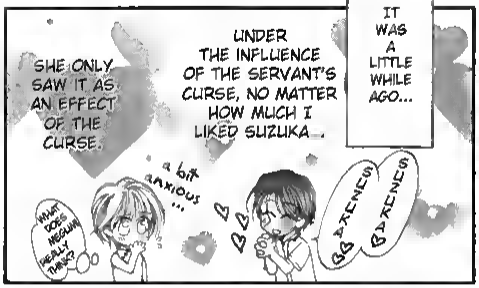
EVENTUALLY, MEGUMI HAD FALLEN UNDER THE SPELL OF THE CURSE

Fu fu fu actually Megumi is...

IN SPITE OF HIMSELF, MEGUMI-KUN IS NOW IN LOVE WITH SUZUKA-CHAN AND SUZUKA-CHAN IS

STOMP
!
I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU, SUZUKA
MEGUMI ...!

cling
cling
cling
biush
IT'S NOT... THAT I HATE YOU... I'M JUST E-EMBAR-RASSED, SO, BE-CAUSE,
TO SEE YOU RUNNING AWAY FROM ME LIKE THAT, I'M REALLY SAD BUT...
she looks funny...
FOR A MOMENT, HE THOUGHT HE WAS REALLY PERVERTED HIMSELF.
.....
MEGUMI
TOUCHED ME A LOT..
SO, I..
TREMBLE
GRAB
IF YOU'RE NOT WITH ME, I'M NERVOUS.
AM I A PER-VERT?
PLEASE CALM DOWN
HEY, MY LADY (OJOUSAN) ...

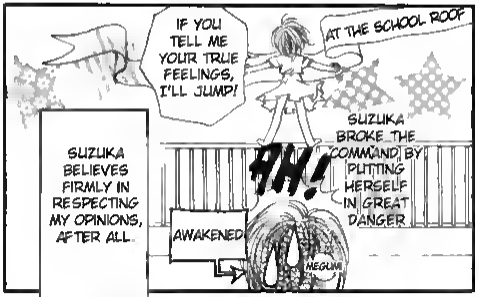

IT WAS A LITTLE WHILE AGO...
UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE SERVANT'S CURSE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I LIKED SUZUKA...
SHE ONLY SAW IT AS AN EFFECT OF THE CURSE.
a bit anxious...
WHAT DOES MEGUMI REALLY THINK?
PENCE
PENCE

SUZUKA FINALLY COMMANDED ME TO TELL "THE TRUTH"
TELL ME YOUR TRUE FEELINGS!
PANIC!
THAT'S AN ORDER!
HMMM...
BECAUSE SHE REALLY LIKES ME (SO HAPPY ♡), SHE BECAME SO NERVOUS THAT

NOTE

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE CURSE, THE KUROISHI FAMILY CAN NEVER RESIST ANY ORDERS FROM THE KOUGAMI FAMILY.

AFTER THAT, SUZUKA REGRETTED HER ACTIONS AND...
I'M SORRY, MEGUMI!
I WILL TELL YOU MY TRUE FEELINGS
MUME.
Fu Fu Fu
IGNORING HIS OWN FEELINGS AND TELLING THE TRUTH
IN FRIGHTENING "COMMAND MODE"


IF YOU TELL ME YOUR TRUE FEELINGS, I'LL JUMP!
AT THE SCHOOL ROOF
SUZUKA BROKE THE COMMAND BY PUTTING HERSELF IN GREAT DANGER
AH!
AWAKENED
MEGUMI

SUZUKA BELIEVES FIRMLY IN RESPECTING MY OPINIONS, AFTER ALL.

YOU...

ARE THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO CAN'T BE LEFT ALONE FOR EVEN ONE MOMENT.

I'VE NOTICED THAT MORE THAN ENOUGH TIMES...

BEING AN HONEST, PURE, YET STUBBORN, GIRL,
SUZUKA HAS BEEN GREATLY INFLUENCED BY HER GOD PARENTS.
DURING THE 14 YEARS THAT SHE WAS IN CHINA
TO ..
TO TOUCH PEOPLE LIKE THAT,
GRAB
AN
AND ABOUT..
T-THE LIE WEN
BLUSH
LIE WEN?
IS THAT CHINESE?
AH!
got the nervous-ness from her
BLUSH
IT'S ABOUT THE KISS
BLUSH
nod nod
THIS KIND OF THING..
ER...
DID SHE HATE IT THAT MUCH?
THIS TYPE OF THING...

IN CHINA'S CUSTOM,
YOU CAN'T DO IT BEFORE...
MARRIAGE.
HUH!!
THUMP
AH!
thump
WAH !!!
thump
I WAS CARELESS! I ACCIDENTALLY LOOKED INTO HER EYES!
crawl
crawl
AH ...

HIME
...
WARNING: MEGUMI IS NOW UNDER THE EFFECT OF THE CURSE!
IF THAT'S THE CASE,
PLEASE,
MARRY ME...
CRACK!
MEGUMI
PLEASE RETURN BACK TO NORMAL!
IF YOU FALL ON YOUR HEAD, YOU'LL DIE!
HOLD ONTO ME, MEGUMI!
KYAA!

PHEW..
HE'S BACK TO NORMAL
sweat
sweat
WE'RE SAVED.
WE
I CAN'T DO THAT AS LONG AS THIS CURSE EXISTS... PROBABLY
THAT WAS CLOSE! WHAT WAS I SAYING?!
DIZZ
MARRIAGE?
BESIDES, I DO HAVE MY OWN PRIDE..
I'D RATHER LIVE WITH SUZUKA WITH THE MONEY I'VE EARNED MYSELF
EH...?
...AS A REAL SERVANT OF THIS HOUSEHOLD.
I... SHOULD GET A PART-TIME JOB.

CRUSH
squeak
tighten
jump...
!

*DUI BU CHI = I'M SORRY IN CHINESE
DUI BU CHI*
SOWS
AH!!
SMILE
HIME!!
bump
Runs Away

GRAB
PLEASE WAIT!
shake shake
CALM DOWN, MEGUMI ...!
OH, LET GO OF MY HAND!
stare
I'M VERY SORRY,
BUT UNTIL YOU COMPLETE MY REQUEST,
I CANNOT LET GO OF YOUR HAND.
SERVANT MODE
blink
PLEASE FORMALLY ACCEPT ME AS THE SERVANT OF THIS FAMILY.
I CAN'T DECIDE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
PLEASE LET GO! IT'S EMBARRASSING!
AREN'T YOU BACK TO NORMAL, MEGUMI?
HEY, YOU TWO ...!
twitch

!?
SEEMS LIKE HE WAS ONLY FAKING.
GRRA
CAN YOU NOT DO SOMETHING SO PERVERTED ...
...THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING.
はぁ
•WOAH•
FORMAL KIMONO AND A BOUQUET
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?
STEPS BACK
I'M A GUEST!

FOR ME?
I've been waiting for you
FOR YOU!
I'M TAKATSUKASA HIRYUU,
I AM HERE TO CLAIM KOUGAMI SUZUKA AS MY BRIDE (YOME).
BRIDE?
WHA...?
step back...
steps further back...
WHAT'S HE? A HOME?
SHH
WHAT'S WITH THIS BRAT ...?

THE MANAGER, KUROSHI-SAN
...AS I'VE STATED,
THAT'S A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF OUR GUEST.
SPEAKING OF THE TAKATSUKASA GROUP...,
THEY HAD ENOUGH POWER TO OVERCOME THE PAST ECONOMICAL DEPRESSIONS WITH THEIR CHAIN COMPANIES,
AND IS SAID TO BE ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED ENTITIES IN THE WORLD OF BUSINESS
HIRYUU-SAMA IS THE ONLY GRANDSON OF THE CURRENT PRESIDENT,
AND IS RUMORED TO BE THE FUTURE HEIR OF THE COOPERATION
WAH!!
...SO THAT MEANS, HE'S FROM A RICH FAMILY?
I see...
THAT IS SO
HEY YOU!
MARRIAGE IS NOT A GAME YOU KNOW
SURPRISED
CLINGS TOGETHER
YOU KNOW SUZUKA, SHE'S NOT THE TYPE FOR RICH PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO TOY AROUND WITH,
SHE WAS RAISED IN A PROPER CHINESE FAMILY
AND TREATED IMPORTANTLY.
BUT IF I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE
YOU!
POINT

HOW CAN YOU SIT WITH SUZUKA AND I LIKE THAT!?
YES?
what's going on?
YOU!
YOU'RE JUST A SERVANT!
me?
YOU'RE WRONG !!
!
!
MEGUMI IS NOT A SERVANT!
NEITHER IS KUROISHI-SAN!
!
YES ?
Ugh...

MEGUMI
KURO-ISHI-SAN,
AND MY MAMA IN CHINA ...
WE'RE NOT RELATED BY BLOOD ...
BUT,
THEY'RE ALL IMPORTANT FAMILY TO ME.
MY LADY..., SUCH KIND WORDS...
BUT HOW HAPPY I AM RIGHT NOW!
SUZUKA
THEREFORE ...
WE DON'T WANT TO BE APART
hugs tight..
blush...
!

We won't let that happen, alright?
Yeah...
don't cry.
I'm listening...
I...
I UNDERSTAND
WHEN WE GET MARRIED,
YOU CAN BRING ALL YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS WITH YOU
I DON'T MIND
HUH...?
HUH?
I JUST BECAME 16 A WHILE AGO.
I'M AFRAID THAT HIRYUU-SAMA IS STILL UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE...
WHAT THE..?
MEGUMI
ISN'T HE A YEAR YOUNGER THAN SUZUKA?!
SINCE I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR WATCHING OVER SUZUKA-SAMA AS APPOINTED BY THE PREVIOUS MASTER,
I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOUR PARENTS ABOUT THIS MATTER FIRST AT A LATER DAY.
bows
PLEASE EXCUSE MY RUDE-NESS,
Boom
AH!

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAISE,
BUT EVER SINCE SUZUKA'S PARENTS PASSED AWAY,
ALL THE BUSINESSES THEY HAD WERE SOLD OFF TO OTHER COMPANIES,
AND NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT OF IT ARE JUST SOME DEPOSITS, STOCKS, AND BONDS,
SOME PATENTS, AND THE MINING AUTHORITY
IN ORDER TO BECOME THAT PERSON,
I MUST MARRY A GIRL FROM AN OLD ILLUSTRIOUS FAMILY BACKGROUND
ACCORDING TO MY FAMILY TRADITIONS, WHEN A MALE TURNS 16,
HE MUST FIND HIS FUTURE MATE.
AFTER HE GRADUATES HE MUST ESTABLISH HIS OWN BUSINESS WITH HIS OWN RESOURCES
SO THAT HE WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS A TRUE INHERITOR
SO THERE IS REALLY NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL WORLDS
.....
AND YOUR PATENT IN PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, PLUS YOUR RICHNESS IN DIAMONDS AND GOLD MINES, BELONG TO THE "MIRACULOUS CATEGORY" THAT HAS BEEN DISCOVERED...
ALL THE STOCKS AND BONDS YOU HOLD ARE "HAPPILY" REAPING THE HIGHEST BENEFITS,

Is that so!
I'VE ALSO HEARD THAT
...THE KOUGAMI FAMILY HAS A GUARDIAN SPIRIT THAT PROTECTS THEM
THAT'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT!
GEEZ Dad you're such a Liar
I... ACTUALLY...
GO TO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL AS YOU, DID YOU KNOW THAT?
AFTER YOU TRANSFERRED HERE, I'VE ALWAYS PAID CLOSE ATTENTION TO YOU.
Y— YES?
Wah! Are you ok? You didn't get scalded did you?
Lady!
MEGUMI
COUGH
GUKA!
GULP!
choke
GRR

I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU.
BLUSH
I...
ALTHOUGH YOUR JAPANESE SOUNDED A BIT STRANGE, AND IT WAS KIND OF HARD TO UNDERSTAND YOUR ACTIONS,
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE VERY INTERESTING
OH!
EH?
EH?
BLUSH
Ack!
SHOCK
STOOL
TURNS
?
AH?
shuffle
shuffle
shuffle

PLEASE HELP ME IN THE FUTURE!
TO BE HONEST,
THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE A GUARDIAN SPIRIT'S PROTECTION MAKES ME LIKE YOU EVEN MORE
I'M SERIOUS ABOUT THIS
AND I DON'T MIND EVEN IF YOU HAVE A TAG-ALONG WITH YOU
Then I'll speak (Chinese)
swish
STAND
TAG-ALONG laughs!
I'M SORRY, BUT I REFUSE
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO MARRY YOU
IF WE HAVEN'T EVEN DATED, THEN HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE?
EH ..?
I'LL COME AGAIN!

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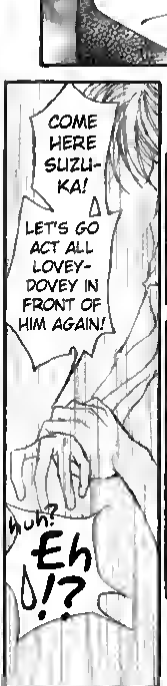
iT FiNALLY CAME OUT! MANGA VOL #2ooo

Everybody I am Hino Matsuri and thank you for buying this volume! It's all thanks to my mother, my friends, my editor, and of course my fans that this 2nd volume was able to be published. Thank you all!!

This volume has 2 very interesting points.

No.1 The last 2 chapters actually "recaps"! It's a Square panel manga! ...so how about it?



BUZZ
.....
I QUIT.
STOP
thunk
PA!
YOU QUIT ...?
No lovey-dovey?
YUP.
Ha...
THAT'S RIGHT I JUST REALIZED THAT THERE IS ..
A "WALL".
thank god ...
A WALL ?
WELL, YOU ARE THE DAUGHTER OF A WEALTHY AND PRESTIGIOUS FAMILY,
WHEREAS MY ANCESTORS, AND EVERY GENERATION SINCE, HAVE BEEN SERVANTS
IS WHAT I MEAN
BUT YOU ARE PART OF MY SPECIAL FAMILY!
!!
TRUE, BUT ..
NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE EMPHASIZE OUR RELATION-SHIP
or how lovey-dovey we are
SOMEONE LIKE TAKATSUKASA ONLY JUDGES PEOPLE BASED ON THEIR BACK-GROUND

MEGUMI —?
IN OTHER WORDS,
IN THE EYES OF THAT TYPE OF PERSON...
YOU ARE THE MASTER,
touch...
... AND I AM JUST A LOWLY SERVANT.
BUT I DON'T CARE.

MEGUMI!
HUH?
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE IN THE CURSE MODE NOW, ARE YOU?
heh
NOT AT ALL.
I'M JUST FEELING THE POWERFUL EFFECTS OF REALITY.
Don't...
DON'T GIVE IN SO EASILY, AND JUST SURRENDER TO REALITY!
I SUDDENLY THOUGHT THAT...
...BUT
IF YOU WERE WITH A PERSON LIKE TAKATSUKASA, YOU'D PROBABLY BE HAPPIER...

WHETHER YOU'LL BE HAPPY OR NOT IS FOR YOU TO DECIDE...
OF COURSE, I HOPE IT WON'T BE LIKE THAT...
...SUZUKA?
—I HATE... THAT TYPE OF THINKING
...YOU IDIOT!

BUT NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...

I'M SOOO HAPPY... I HOPE SHE DOESN'T HOLD BACK AND SHE'LL CONTINUE TO YELL AT ME!
Happy!
idiot
Scream all you want!
WORDS LIKE "IDIOT" AND "HATE" TO ME.
I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SUZUKA HAS EVER SAID

KYAAAAAAAAA
ACK!
TAP
SUZUKA'S SCREAMING!?
that's rare!
JUMP!
RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN
SLAM
MEGUMI!
WHAT'S WRONG!?

SUZUKA?
Huh!
HE REALLY IS QUITE THE PROTECTOR FOR MISS SUZUKA HE COMES IMMEDIATELY WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS.
It's nothing, He's just a rash type of person...
Ha Ha Ha
WHAT DID THAT GUY... DO TO YOU?
squeeze
doom

THIS WAS WHEN YOU JUMPED ON IT
It smashed like this...
bump
MEE-GUU-MIII...
you really
RECEIPT
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TH...
THAT'S NOT IT!
He said it's a binding contract!
IT'S THE BILL FOR THE CAR REPAIRS ...
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*APPROX $18,000.00
KA-CHING!
CONTRACT FREAK
Came From China
Lived among simple and naive commoners.
Oh yeah! I did smash it!
University student that still depends on his dad for everything

YES, HIRYUU-SAMA
LET'S GO, SHIBATA!
THAT COULD BUY A WHOLE NEW CAR.
I... I MUST'VE STEPPED ON IT TOO... THAT'S WHY IT'S SO EXPENSIVE
AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
AH, I'M SORRY I FORGOT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF
AH
SO SHE DOESN'T HAVE A PART IN TRAMPLING ON IT
Ah!
MISS SUZUKA HAS ALREADY APOLOGIZED,

I AM
TAKATSUKASA HIRYUU-SAMA'S GUARDIAN
MY NAME IS SHIBATA MINATO.
PLEASE, LET'S ALL GET ALONG.
KUROISHI MEGUMI-KUN...
geh
ARE YOU GUYS STILL GONNA COME BACK?
along with you
murmur
WHAT THE...?
Please let us cooperate, ok?
UGH
OH YES! I'LL COME BACK TO COLLECT THE MONEY.
IF I DON'T COLLECT THE MONEY FOR THE CAR REPAIRS, I'M GOING TO LOSE MY SALARY...
I JUST FELT THIS HAIR-RAISING LUMP...
THUMP

WAIT...
!!
THUMP
EH...
WHAT IS THIS FEELING...?
THUMP
MASTER...
(GOSHUJIN-SAMA)

Clamps shut!
MEGUMI
HMM?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
MAS
CURSE MODE IN EFFECT!!!
MASTER! IT'S JUST TOO SAD THAT YOU HAVE SUCH A LOW SALARY!
ACK!
JUST WHO IS THIS GUY!!?
!!
dumbfounded
HIRYUU DURING THIS TIME

captive heart

PLEASE DON'T WORRY.
THIS MEGUMI WILL NEVER DO SUCH A LOW THING AS EVADING THE DAMAGE CLAIM.
MAY YOU HAVE A SAFE TRIP ON YOUR RETURN.
!?
EH?
.....
...
MASTER

AHHH!!!
E... EXCUSE ME ?
SHIBATA MINATO-SAN, DO YOU HAPPEN, BY CHANCE...
HAAAA..
TO BE A RELATIVE OF HARUKO-SAMA WHO ELOPED AND RAN AWAY FROM HOME ABOUT 50 YEARS AGO...
THE PREVIOUS MASTER'S AUNT?

YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
MY GRANDMA HARUKO'S HOUSE WAS ONCE HERE, I THINK.
HOW DID YOU KNOW?

MINATO-SAMA..
I HAVE BEEN SO RUDE, WITHOUT KNOWING WHOM I'M TALKING TO.
PLEASE STOP IT, KUROISHI-SAN.
I'M JUST AN EMPLOYEE FROM THE TAKATSUKI GROUP, AND...
... A PERSON
BLOOD RELATED ...?
...TO ME?
YES, A DISTANT COUSIN, IF I'M CORRECT ...

THE ONLY CONCERN I HAVE RIGHT NOW
IS IF I CAN BE OF ANY USE TO HIRYUU-SAMA.
...HEY
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
THAT GUY WHO FAINTED OVER THERE PANICKING ABOUT THE CAR'S REPAIR BILL...IS HE SICK?
NO!!
WOBBLE
IT'S JUST THAT THIS IS TOO BIG OF A SHOCK FOR HIM!
...I SEE
FINE THEN.
...
NOT FINE AT ALL
BECAUSE I AM...

EXCEPT FOR SUZUKA ...
I DON'T WANT TO BOW DOWN TO ANYONE OTHER THAN YOU...
BECAUSE I'M YOUR SERVANT ONLY...
PUUHH!!
blink
... HUH?

MOVE OUT!!
IT'S BECAUSE EVEN WHILE YOU'RE DAY-DREAMING YOU WON'T LET GO OF OUJU-SAMA'S HAND.
FDK
I SHOULD NEVER WORRY ABOUT YOU!!
ALWAYS SAYING NASTY THINGS---!!!
YOU'RE WORRIED?
DASH!!
REALLY?? THAT'S RARE
KUROISHI-SAN'S ALMOST CRYING.

HIRYUU-KUN SEEMED WORRIED TOO...

blush
THEY..
THEY'VE LEFT...

WHAT ARE YOU RELAXING FOR!!!

SO SOFT...
WHEN DID YOU... SO NICE

SO...
MAYBE HE'S NOT SUCH A BAD PERSON AFTER ALL ...
YEAH...
...BUT IT'S GOOD THAT YOU HAVE FOUND ONE OF YOUR RELATIVES.
I KNOW.
...I'M SORRY
THOUGH YOU MAY HAVE SOME TROUBLE, MEGUMI
I'M SO HAPPY I FOUND A PERSON WHO SHARES THE SAME BLOOD AS ME...

I... SEE...
..IF MINATO-SAN IS MY DISTANT COUSIN, AND MINATO-SAN'S MOTHER IS MY FATHER'S COUSIN ..
THEN GRAND-MOTHER HARUKA IS...
DUE TO HER OLD AGE, MY GRAND-MOTHER PASSED AWAY A YEAR AGO
MY CONDO-LES-CENCES...
MY MOTHER RAISED ME AS A SINGLE PARENT,
AND SHE WORKED AS A HOUSEKEEPER FOR THE TAKATSUKASA FAMILY, TAKING CARE OF HIRYUU-SAMA.
... BUT ...
4 YEARS AGO .. MY MOTHER COLLAPSED DUE TO HEART ATTACK WHILE AT WORK.
AT THAT TIME, THE ONLY PERSON WITH HER WAS HIRYUU-SAMA.
HIRYUU-SAMA
THEN CALLED AN AMBULENCE, AND PERFORMED AN EXPERT HEART MASSAGE ON HER.

.....
ON HIRYUU-SAMA'S REQUEST, SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE BEST CLINIC AND TREATED THERE...
MY MOTHER WAS SAVED BECAUSE OF HIRYUU-SAMA'S GRACIOUS HELP.
SOMEHOW MINATO-SAMA LOOKS SIMILAR TO THE LATE HARUKO-SAMA.
WELL THAT IS...
IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION TO REVEAL IT.
...STILL, I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU RECOGNIZED ME.
GLARE
ALL HIS FAULT
MINATO-SAN, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU REALLY LOVE YOUR MOTHER.
SO...
REALLY ?
MAYBE BECAUSE YOU LOOK LIKE YOUR MOTHER, SO THAT KINDA MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE YOUR GRANDMOTHER AS WELL?
HOOH, HUH?

I HAVE AN OEDIPUS COMPLEX, AFTERALL.
YES, I DO

HEY, YOU
DON'T TELL PEOPLE YOU HAVE AN OEDIPUS COMPLEX JUST LIKE THAT.

I'M SORRY, IT WAS A REFLEX ANSWER...
TCH ...
...I DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY ONE OF SUZUKA'S RELATIVES...
OUR FAMILIES' RELATIONSHIP ENDED A LONG TIME AGO...
AND MY FAMILY NO LONGER HAS THE KOUGAMI FAMILY'S "GOD OF PROTECTION" AS WELL...
I'M... REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT SUZUKA.

SLAM
THE COMPETITION TO WIN THE TAKATSUKASA'S INHERITANCE WILL BE WON BY HIRYUU-SAMA FOR SURE...
I KNOW I'M A COWARD TO THINK LIKE THIS
BUT I'M GLAD I HAVE ONE MORE REASON TO BE CLOSE TO SUZUKA..
HIRYUU-SAMA IS THE ONE I OWE MY LIFE TO.
THE PLEASURE IS MINE, IF YOU THINK THAT WAY ABOUT ME HIRYUU-SAMA.
I WANT TO BE OF HELP TO HIM ANYWAY I CAN.
FULFILING AN OLD AGREEMENT?
SUSPICIOUS, DON'T YOU THINK, HIRYUU?
Getting married at 16 Kids!
First daughter: Meiko
FEMALES AND MALES ARE EQUAL
AND I ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME THIS FAMILY'S SUCCESSOR
Fourth daughter: Nanami

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私には一難の恐怖。

「作者は年とっていくのにキャラは年とらないよ」という現象をネタに本編。(3度目の連載だっ)

すごくすごく奇妙な感じがする。「とらわれて～」にとらわれてから一年以上経ち私の誕生日も過ぎ、なのにキャラの誕生日はまだこない!!!?

変だ。変すぎる。だから時々キャラの誕生日を指折り数えて年表も作って確認します。作中ではまだ一年を経っていないことを・・・ね

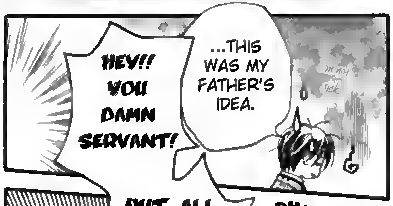
最初は読みきりで終わるつもりだったので、連載になった時は、あわててキャラの誕生日を決めました。(ついでに血液型も)

でも今は内緒♡今後お話の中で出てくるかも(?)。

To Mama in China.
I have happy news for you
I have found my relative, someone who shares the same blood with me.
Miyuto-san loves his mother very much,
knows how to repay another's
kindness, and is a really nice person
But because of the "servant's curse"
I'm worried about Megumi
if there is any way to break the "curse"...
EH?

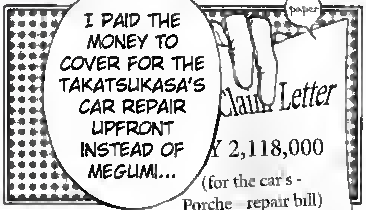
BREAKFAST IS SERVED...
KUROISHI-SAN, YOU STOLE ONE OF MY FAVORITE
LICK
GOOD MORNING, SUZUKA-SAMA.
SUU...
IT'S A WONDERFUL MORNING, ISN'T IT?
SINCE BREAK-FAST IS READY, PLEASE HAVE A TASTE
PROPER AND NEAT
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, YOU HAVE A TEST IN ENGLISH TODAY.
HAVE YOU STUDIED WELL?
KACHA KACHA
SUZUKA
WHACK!

WHAT SHOULD I DO ?
ME... MEGUMI'S SICK
WHICH...


...THIS WAS MY FATHER'S IDEA.
HEY!! YOU DAMN SERVANT!

PUT ALL THE PLATES WHERE I TAUGHT YOU-
GRUNH
YES SIR!

AH
GOOD MORNING OJOU-SAMA, ACTUALLY
smile
KUROISHI-SAN, WHY


I PAID THE MONEY TO COVER FOR THE TAKATSUKASA'S CAR REPAIR UPFRONT INSTEAD OF MEGUMI...
paper
Claim Letter
¥ 2,118,000
(for the car's Porche repair bill)
by · Shibata Minato

Thump
Thump
WA... WHAT'S THIS...
Thump
Thump
IS IT THE "ATTACK OF THE CURSE" AGAIN? NO NO IT'S DIFFERENT
BUT
AND HE ISN'T A MORNING PERSON EITHER
THE MEGUMI I KNOW WOULDN'T DRESS THIS NEAT SO EARLY IN THE MORNING,

HENCE, I HAVE MEGUMI WORKING HERE AS A PART-TIME SERVANT TO PAYBACK ALL THE MONEY.
YAH, THAT'S THE REASON, SUZUKA
WELL, IT'S JUST THE TIME WHEN I'D LIKE TO TRY SOME SERVANT'S WORK TOO, SO DON'T WORRY
Kuroishi Yoshimi is actually enjoying this situation
DON'T ADDRESS OJOU SAMA SO CASUALLY YOU BASTARD
ANGER
"SUZUKA -SAMA"
Yes sir.
"YOU ARE THE MASTER... AND WE HERE ARE YOUR SERVANTS..."
OH MY?
DIIINDOOO

Geez, treating people like that
STEP
STEP
COMING.
WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
rude
come visiting so early
CRASH
ERK!
WHO IS IT...
has too much time to spare
HO...
HOW...
...?
AH, SUZUKA...
HOW NICE OF YOU TO COME VISIT US SO EARLY IN THE MORNING, MASTER!
...
Shi

MEGUMI ...
snapped out
WHACK
WHAM
AH!
swelling
THA
plum
breath
sense
THANK YOU
THEY'RE VERY CLOSE, AREN'T THEY? HIRYUU-SAMA DON'T LOSE TO THEM
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I'M SORRY FOR THIS EARLY VISIT.
GOOD MORNING SUZUKA
ABOUT THE ENGAGE-MENT THING AGAIN .!?
THAT'S A LITTLE...
EH
AA
HE
I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT...
IT WON'T BE AN UNCOM-FORTABLE TALK FOR YOU.
DON'T WORRY
KACHI KOCHI
WEARI -NESS
...CAN'T WE
CAN'T WE GO TO SCHOOL TOGETHER AS A START?
NOR-MALLY

YOU KNOW
.....
!?
BUT I'M GOING TO.
SCHOOL WITH...
I... DIDN'T ASK FOR TOO MUCH, DID I?
LATELY,
HEIRS FROM SOME VERY RICH FAMILIES HAVE LAID AN EYE ON HER
ESPECIALLY FOR THE "GOD OF PROTEC-TION" HERE.
AREN'T YOU THE SAME?
!
THESE STRAIGHT-FORWARD WORDS

ME, WHO HAD ONCE TRIED TO GET THE KOUGAMI'S WEALTH
AND ME, WHO TOOK AWAY SUZUKA FROM HER HOME IN CHINA...
MAYBE I DON'T HAVE ANY RIGHT TO SAY IT
I WON'T LEAVE SUZUKA TO SOMEONE
WHO DOESN'T THINK OF HER HAPPI-NESS.
.....

I KNOW IT MYSELF.
THAT IS WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY, RIGHT?
PLEASE, THINK ABOUT SUZUKA'S FEELINGS
...IN SHORT
BECAUSE I LOVE HER, I WON'T GIVE UP EITHER.
BUT
THAT'S WHY I WON'T FORCE MY WILL ON HER
SPLENDID ANSWER.
"TAKATSUKASA-SAMA".
BUT, PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND
YOU MIGHT HAVE A SMALL CHANCE

THOUGH MY POSITION TO SUZUKA-SAMA IS JUST A SERVANT,
I WISH FOR SUZUKA-SAMA'S HAPPINESS AND WELL BEING MORE THAN ANYTHING
IF I FIND OUT YOU'VE MADE SUZUKA-SAMA SAD, EVEN JUST A LITTLE
AT THAT TIME I WILL TAKE SUZUKA-SAMA AWAY FROM YOU, FAR AWAY WHERE YOU COULD NEVER REACH HER AGAIN.
I'M JUST SAYING ALL OF THIS IN MY FIDELITY AS A SERVANT TO SUZUKA-SAMA.
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...I'LL BE SURE NOT TO FORGET
...THERE'S ONE THING I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.
SUZUKA, DO YOU HATE ME?
110 110
REALLY ?!
JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, I'M GLAD I CAME HERE.
WELL, SEE YOU THEN.
HOPE WE CAN HAVE A TALK AGAIN AT THE SCHOOL.
SURE...
HIRYUU -SAMA
IS THIS REALLY ALRIGHT? TO BE LAID-BACK AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
I JUST WANTED TO MEET SUZUKA SOMEHOW.
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO...
SHIBATA !

AM I SO PATHETIC THAT I NEED YOUR HELP FOR THIS KIND OF THING?
I'M SURE YOU'RE A VERY STRONG PERSON, HIRYUU-SAMA...
I'M SORRY ...
I'LL GET THE CAR...
NO NEED. I DIDN'T INTEND TO USE THE CAR IN THE FIRST PLACE.
BUT HIRYUU SAMA
ENEMIES... ARE A LOT OF FOR YOU THERE
EVEN JUST A LITTLE, I WISH TO HELP YOU...

NEVER MIND ABOUT IT! EAT YOUR BREAK-FAST
OR YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE
WHY DID YOU SAY THAT?
YOUR POSITION AS MY SERVANT...
IF I MAY, I CAN GIVE A SIMPLE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, SUZUKA-SAMA.
MEGUMI -KUN
WE BOTH HAVE SIMILAR POSITIONS, SO I UNDER-STAND YOU A LITTLE
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE, RIGHT?
IN YOUR UNCERTAINTY, YOU DECIDED TO WITHDRAW YOURSELF, AM I RIGHT?
YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR-SELF AND WHETHER YOU CAN GIVE THE SAME PROMISE TO SUZUKA-SAMA OR NOT.
COMPARED TO HIRYUU-SAMA, WHO CAN GUARANTEE A SECURE FUTURE,

THUMP
BLOCKS
MINATO-SAN!
ALL OF THIS ...
PLEASE STOP
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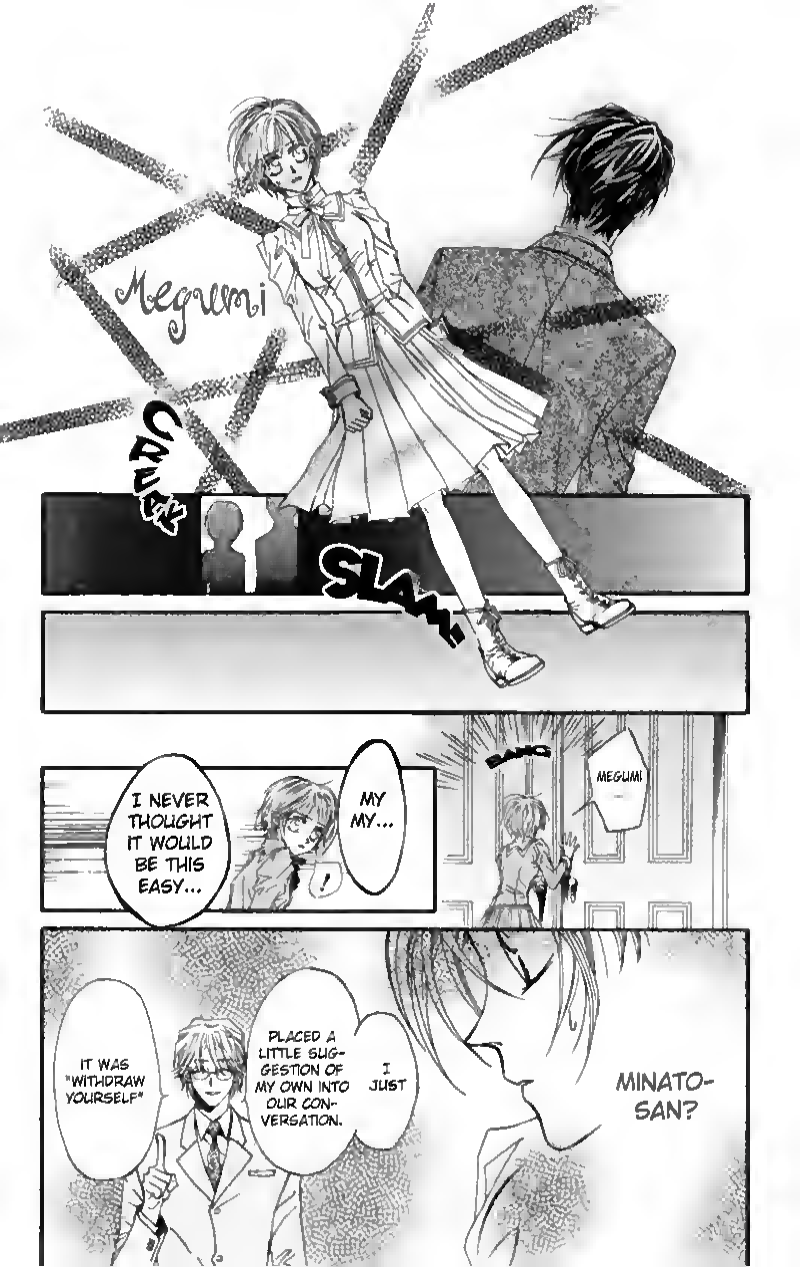
PLEASE FORGIVE MY RUDENESS.
I WAS ...
TRYING TO WEAKEN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU FOR HIRYUU-SAMA..

!?
IT'S JUST LIKE WHAT HE SAID.
Kiss
EH?
BECAUSE I WISH FOR YOUR HAPPINESS MORE THAN ANYTHING.


Megumi
CREAK
SLAM
BANG
MEGUMI
MY MY...
I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE THIS EASY...
MINATO-SAN?
I JUST PLACED A LITTLE SUGGESTION OF MY OWN INTO OUR CONVERSATION.
IT WAS "WITHDRAW YOURSELF"

SO YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT IT...
VERY CONVENIENT, ISN'T IT, THE "SERVANT'S CURSE".
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MEGUMI
MEGUMI ?
GOOD FOR NOTHING SON!!!
HEY!! YOU ...!!
HUH?
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OJOU-SAMA? IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL.
hah
WHACK!
.....!

DASH
DAMNIT ...!!
I'M GLAD YOU DECIDED TO COME WITH ME.
...YOU ARE REALLY GOING TO TELL ME HOW TO BREAK THE "CURSE", RIGHT?
SURE ...
IF YOU WOULD BE CONSIDERATE ENOUGH TO BECOME OUR ALLY.

I'M SORRY!
THE CASE OF SUZUKA-OJOUSAMA'S OUTBREAK ESCAPE.
I'LL BE STAYING AT HIRYUU-KUN'S PLACE FOR A WHILE
AND I'M TAKING A LITTLE BREAK FROM SCHOOL TOO, BUT DON'T WORRY, OKAY!!
clank
SUZUKA-SAMA DOESN'T WISH TO SEE YOU.
shoo shoo
LET ME SEE HER---!!
TAKATSU-KASA'S RESIDENCE SUZUKA MUST BE HERE!!
clank
clank
Suzuka--!!

Ephemeral-Dreams

Where dreams meet reality

- if for only a fleeting moment -

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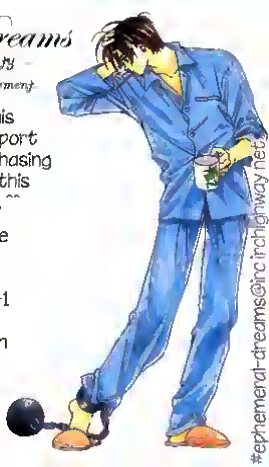

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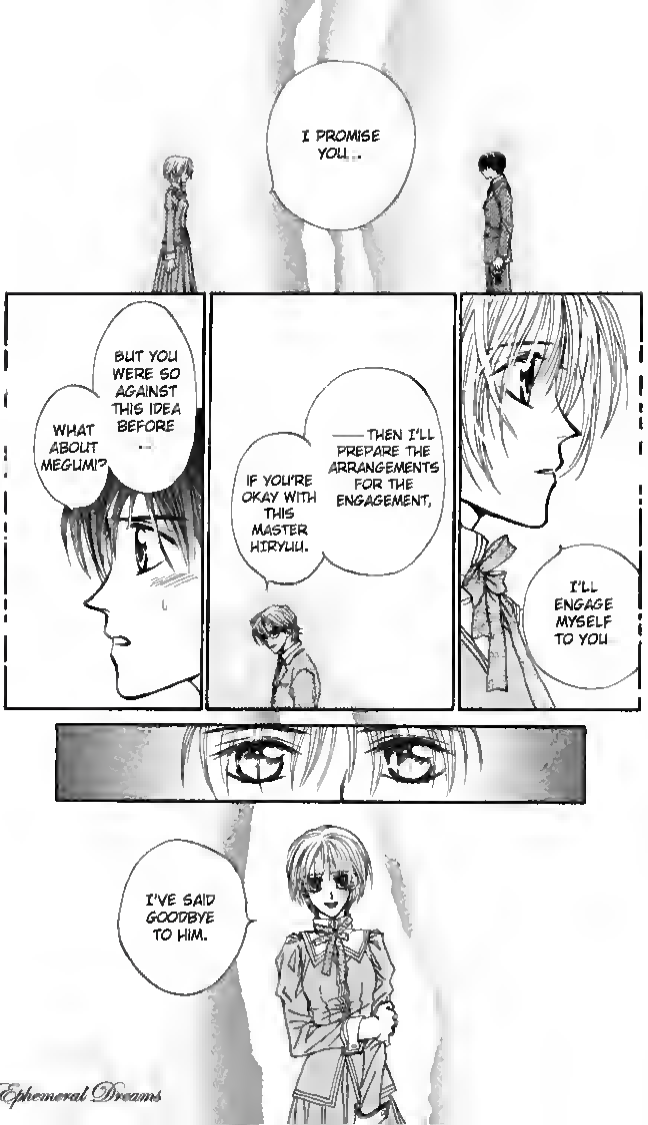
TORAWARE NO MINOUE
CAPTIVE HEARTS
とらわれの身の上

AT THE HOUSE OF THE TAKA-TSUKASA FAMILY
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO STAY HERE!
PLEASE TELL ME
HOW TO DISABLE THE SERVANT'S CURSE
I WON'T TELL YOU!
Smile
UNLESS YOU AGREE TO MARRY MASTER HIRYUU IN PUBLIC, THEN I'LL TELL YOU.
MARRIAGE?
IF IT'S FOR HIRYUU-SAMA, I DON'T MIND LYING OR DECEIVING PEOPLE.
YOU LIED TO ME...!
AH
MARRIAGE!?

MEGUMI MUST BE WORRIED...
UUUUUU, STUPID ...
!
Duh..
HE'LL DEFINITELY TELL ME THAT THE CURSE WASN'T A GOOD ENOUGH REASON FOR ME TO COME HERE.
Re2.ver
I FELL FOR IT.
(She's been shut up)
Translation
RECEIVED
BUT..
IF I DON'T MARRY HIRYUU, THERE'S NO HOPE OF GETTING A CURE FOR THE CURSE...!
THAT PERSON....
SQUEEZE
BECAUSE WE'RE RELATED, HE'S EVEN MORE MERCILESS..!!
Surprise
!
CLICK
STEP STEP STEP

BANG
SUZUKA!?
MASTER HIRYUU, PLEASE RETURN TO CLASS.
WHY'S SHE LOCKED UP IN THIS ROOM...?
AND TOLD ME YOU'RE AT MY PLACE ...
SHIBATA CALLED ...
PROMISE ME.
shiver
I APOLOGIZE FOR THIS.
IT'S SO THE MISSES WON'T HARM SUZUKA-SAMA.
DON'T TELL MASTER HIRYUU ABOUT OUR ARRANGEMENT.


I PROMISE YOU...
I'LL ENGAGE MYSELF TO YOU
——THEN I'LL PREPARE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ENGAGEMENT,
IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH THIS MASTER HIRYUU.
BUT YOU WERE SO AGAINST THIS IDEA BEFORE...
WHAT ABOUT MEGUMI?
I'VE SAID GOODBYE TO HIM.

GLOOMY
Suzuka has dumped me.
MMHH
SHIVERING
You've been like this since Miss left home!!
STOP MOPING!
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT; YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID TO OJOU-SAMA THAT YOU GIVE UP!!
I DON'T KNOW WHY I BLURTED IT OUT
AT THAT MOMENT, I THOUGHT I WAS DOING THE RIGHT THING
DING DONG
DING DONG
AH!!
AH!!!
Ah!
MAYBE IT'S SUZUKA!
MAIL EXPRESS
PUSH
WHO SENT THIS...

MISS!! YOU MIGHT BE ANNOYED AT MEGUMI FOR BEING LUSTFUL AND IMMATURE BUT YOU SHOULDN'T DO THIS TO YOURSELF!
AH
AH
AHAH
AH
No problem.. If she's happy I'm happy...
Invitation
Hereby you are invited to the engagement of Miss Suzuka & Mr. Hiiyuu.
...TAKATSUKASA?
huh?!

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THIS.
WE HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT THIS AND YOU'VE ALREADY MADE SUCH A BIG DECISION ...
I KUROISHI DON'T BELIEVE THIS IS TRUE!
OJOU-SAMA,
I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING TO STOP THIS FROM HAPPENING.
FISHY..

AN ENGAGEMENT IS SUCH A BIG THING,
WHO IS IT,
IT CAN'T BE DECIDED IN A DAY OR TWO,
MOREOVER SUZUKA ISN'T USED TO THIS SITUATION
THAT IS STEERING THIS SITUATION....?
"SQUEEZE"
WHOOSH
IT'S REALLY NOT NORMAL...
SQUEEZE

IF IT'S FOR MASTER HIRYUU...
—THAT MUST BE IT. THAT GUY HAS THE MOTIVES...!
SHIBATA MINATO!
HE'S A DISTANT COUSIN OF SUZUKA,
BUT I'VE NEVER LIKED HIM SINCE THE FIRST TIME WE MET.
SHIBATA ISN'T LIKE HIRYUU, WHO PLACES SUZUKA'S FEELINGS FIRST.
HE'S THAT KIND OF PERSON.
SUKEZO
EVEN THOUGH I'M CURSED BY THE DRAGON OF THE KOUGAMI FAMILY,
IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE KOUGAMI FAMILY CAN ORDER ME AROUND.
SENDING THIS TO ME, HE'S LOOKING DOWN AT ME...

Door Opens
I'LL BE THERE ON TIME.
EH!
I NEED TO CONFIRM WHETHER THIS IS WHAT SUZUKA WANTS OR JUST A MANIPULATION OF SHIBATA.
YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL.
Thank you. (in Cypriot)

EHP WHERE'S SHIBATA?
LOOKS AROUND
HE'S GONE TO THE AIRPORT TO PICK UP MY GRANDPA.
VERY CUTE..
SURPRISED
HOW DO I LOOK, HIRYUU?
IT'S GOING TO START SOON
AREN'T YOU GOING TO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES?
I LIKE YOU.
EH..
EVEN THOUGH
I'VE SAID THIS SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE...
BUT I HAVE NEVER HEARD ...!
THE WORD "LIKE" COMING FROM YOUR MOUTH ——
IS IT BECAUSE I AM ..?

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I'M AN ANNOYANCE TO YOU, IS THAT IT?
STARTLED
I'M RIGHT.
WHY...?
AH!
I'M SORRY,
IT'S JUST YOU..
CAN'T LIE TO PEOPLE..
...DON'T!
Sniff Sniff

ACTUALLY, I'VE GONE TOO FAR
BECAUSE OF MY OWN WISH
I'VE BEEN DECEIVING YOUR LOVE AND AGREED TO GET ENGAGED TO YOU!
I'M SORRY ..
IT'S OKAY . THAT WE DON'T...
PROMISE ME!
I'M SORRY MEGUMI ...
I COULDN'T GET THE CURE FOR THE CURSE.
.....
SLOW MOVEMENT

!
IF WE DON'T GO TO THE MAIN ROOM WHERE THE GUESTS ARE, THIS CAN'T START.
LET'S GO.
TO LET YOU FULFILL YOUR WISH!
I'M WILLING TO LET YOU DECEIVE ME AGAIN
HIRYUU...?
IF YOU WEREN'T KOUGAMI SUZUKA, I MIGHT NOT HAVE SEARCHED FOR YOU ——
THOUGH I LIKE YOU VERY MUCH,
I'VE HURT YOU BEFORE, NOW I WANT TO DO SOMETHING TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU!
WHY...?

I'M ANGRY,
CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS?
Cold Wind Blowing
Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha
CROWD NOISE
COMING!
NOW'S THE TIME!
SHOCK!!
!?
Wa
Sigh..
!
I'LL TURN OFF THE MAIN ELECTRIC SUPPLY TO CREATE PANIC,
YOU CAN USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET OJOU-SAMA.
IT'S SO COLD

HUH?
THAT IS...
TONIGHT'S FULL MOON IS SO...
AN EVENT WITH RICH PEOPLE,
IS AS ATTRACTIVE AS HONEY IS TO BEES!
MAGNIFICENT!
THE GREAT THEIF "KURONEKOMARU" (ROUND BLACK CAT...) HAS ARRIVED!
HUH? NO WAY!!
THAT'S DAD!!!!
It's so shameful!
TADA!
HOHOHO
MEGUMI, GO QUICKLY! GET MISS OUT OF HERE!
CLAP CLAP
I HATE MY DAD FOR BEING LIKE THIS!
HANGED — AH AH
HOHO HOHO

MAKE SURE NO ONE GETS HURT!
QUICKLY, TRANSFER THE BACKUP ELECTRICITY TO THE MAIN ROOM!
WAS THIS ACT ON THE SCHEDULE!? RICH PEOPLES' TASTES ARE SO WEIRD!
YES!
BIG MASTER (GRANDPA) WILL BE HERE IN 30 MINUTES. WE NEED TO HAVE THE CROWD UNDER CONTROL BY THEN!
QUICKLY ENTER THE HOUSE.
Sighs...
Left
WHICH WAY TO GO!?
Right
MY INSTINCT TELLS ME TO GO THIS WAY!!
Left
WELL NOW
NOBODY IS HERE
BUT BECAUSE I HAVE THE INTUITION CAN'T I MIGHT NOT BE CAUGHT TRESPASSING

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名前へのこだわり。

<その1>
お気付きかもしれませんが♪

黒石さん家は代々、男女ともに、名前が一文字です。しかも男女 両方に使える名前が多いみたい。理由は不明です。

<その2>
お気付きかもしれませんが♪

腐両家サイドは全員 名前の一文字が「さんずい」「月」系になっています。理由は不明です。

ちなみに比嘉の姉の「琴(絵)」の名は、本屋で働いていた頃、お仲間の方から お借りして使わせてもらいました。ありがとうございます 時 沈月 さーん♡ やさしいお名前 ♪

●●●

ビーしてあたしゃこんなにもキャラの名前にこだわるんだろうと考えました。自分が子供の頃に名前(本名)で苦労したからでしょうかねえて ふーん。理由は不明です。

SUNNUKA!
I'M SORRY.. I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT HOME SO SUDDENLY ..
ME TOO...!
I REALLY WANTED TO SEE YOU ..!

IF I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE,
LEAVING YOUR SIDE I FELT REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE
IT'S ME
WHO SHOULD APOLOGIZE
I SHOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN UP,
NO MATTER HOW ANNOYING YOU FIND ME
AH
earlier than expected, so hurry!
Big master (grandpa) has returned home
Noisy
Noisy
PULL
COME HERE!
FIRST
GRAB

BEFORE YOU GET REALLY INTO YOUR REUNION... THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR TO YOU GUYS!!
Ah!
Angry
FIRST, WE NEED TO CONFIRM A TIME AND PLACE TO LEAVE THEN YOU CAN CONTINUE WHAT YOU WERE DOING BEFORE!
clap clap clap
THEY'RE GONE...
SHIBATA
DIDN'T YOU PLAN ALL THIS TOGETHER WITH SHIBATA?
BUT WHY'RE YOU HELPING US?
THANK YOU...
EH...
PLEASE, ANSWER ME HONESTLY!
IS IT SOMETHING YOU AGREED UPON WITH SHIBATA?
SUZUKA, YOUR WISH THAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT...

THAT YOU LEFT EARLIER TO PICK UP BIG MASTER.
YOU SEE THIS,
IT'S GOOD
EH
MR. SHIBATA!
.....
THEY'VE DAMAGED MASTER HIRYUU'S CLOTHES...!
THE MISSES.
HMPH. WELL, IT'S BETTER THAN NOT WEARING ANYTHING...
HE'S WEARING A T-SHIRT AND JEANS... AND IS IN THE MAIN ROOM.
?
MASTER HIRYUU?

THOSE MISSES ARE ALWAYS ACTING AGAINST MASTER HIRYUU!
STEP
NOISY...
WAIT, MEIKO-NEESAN!
Noisy
Noisy
IT'S HIRYUU!
HE'S WEARING THAT TO ANNOUNCE THE ENGAGEMENT
HA?!H
LET HIM BE WITH THAT GIRL,
WHO DIDN'T INHERIT HER FAMILY'S BUSINESSES. LET THEM EMBARRASS THEMSELVES!
SO YOU TWO ARE THE JEALOUS SISTERS THAT ARE ALWAYS TEASING HIRYUU-SAMA
WHO'S THE ONE HERE LACKING MANNERS?
YOU DON'T HAVE MANNERS AT ALL.
YOU
DON'T YOU EVEN DARE TO SPEAK BADLY ABOUT SUZUKA!

WHO'S HE?
HE'LL BECOME MY LOYAL SERVANT SOON,
AND HE'LL SERVE MASTER HIRYUU.
GRAB
SHIBATA MINATO!?
I PITY YOU
BECAUSE YOU'RE CURSED BY THE DRAGON OF THE KOUGAMI FAMILY, ONCE I COMMAND YOU TO DO SOMETHING,
YOU WON'T HAVE ANY WILLPOWER TO FIGHT AGAINST IT.
AH

Ah!
We——!
I'M SORRY, PLEASE WAIT FOR ME..
NO YOU'RE KIDDING IT CAN'T BE TRUE
We're ...
Noisy
WHAT IS IT?
WHO IS MEGUMI TALKING TO?
Clap Clap
There's something important I need to announce to all of you
MEGUMI ...?
Ah
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TO HIM?
We've decided not to get engaged.
Noisy
Noisy
Noisy

!!
DON'T YOU TREAT MEGUMI LIKE THAT, SHIBATA!
"BA"
SUZUKA...?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
IF YOU GO TOO FAR...
I'LL SLAP YOU!!
SUZUKA ♡
PAT
!
MEGUMI ...?
I'M SO HAPPY TO HEAR THIS, SO THAT MEANS THAT
"RUSTLING"
YOU'RE MINE...

MY PRIDE!
I WON'T BE BELOW YOU FOREVER.

Put me down!
THIS IS FOR YOU.
SLOW MOVEMENT
FUU...
?
EH!!
THIS'S WHAT I PROMISED YOU.
SHIBATA
WHERE'RE YOU PLANNING TO GO?
THEREFORE, I DON'T NEED THIS ANYMORE.
MY PLAN HAS FAILED.
FINE, WHAT'S FINE?
EVERYTHING HAS BEEN RESOLVED SMOOTHLY. IT'S FINE.

THINGS ARE FINISHED, YOU CAN RETURN TO MY SIDE.
MASTER HIRYUU...
BUT I...
YES,
YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING THAT I DON'T APPROVE OF,
BUT...
YOU'RE STILL THE ONE I DEEPLY TRUST!
PLEASE,
WALK THIS PATH TOGETHER WITH ME .
LET GRANDPA GIVE US A BIG LECTURE!
YES...

WHAT'S WRITTEN ON IT?
doki doki doki
WHAT CAN BE DONE TO UNDO THE CURSE?
... A KISS.
EH!?
doki doki
THAT'S WHAT'S WRITTEN ON IT,
SO DON'T BE AFRAID, COME
doki doki doki

IS ORDERING A MEMBER OF THE KUROISHI FAMILY TO DO SOMETHING
THE CURE TO THE CURSE SHOULD BE APPLIED DURING THE TIME WHEN A MEMBER OF THE KOUGAMI FAMILY

THIS IS WHAT SHIBATA SECRETLY FOUND OUT.

ONE DAY HE ORDERED A SERVANT GIRL OF THE KUROISHI FAMILY TO SLEEP, BUT THAT GIRL SLEPT AND NEVER WOKE UP. SHIBATA TRIED EVERYTHING TO WAKE HER UP. USING THE 99TH METHOD: THE KISS, IT WORKED. USING A KISS, THE MASTER CAN UNDO HIS FORMER ORDER

—— BUT IF BOTH ARE OF THE SAME SEX, IT WOULD BE AWKWARD.

so I have to make her happy
Suzuka had a lot of bitter past experiences.
Thinking about the conversations (in the manga).
...Hn
Name
Sound using my nose to laugh
Thinking about the conversations (in the manga)
I'm an idiot... I'm an idiot... This is way too embarrassing!!
Thinking about the conversations (in the manga)
Pleasant but afflicting...
Everything is messy and upside down!!
Editor
It's ok.
Is it okay to write such a stupid comic?
Occasionally I will ask my editor
Very straight forward
WAS ABSOLUTELY NO SELF-CONFIDENCE

The Author's Voice from the Heart about "Torawore no Minoue"

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Toraware
no
Minoue

FOR THOSE NEW TO TORAWARE NO MANOUE

THIS STORY

DON'T WORRY

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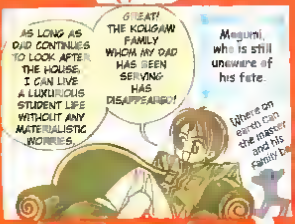
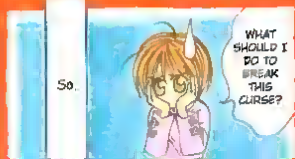
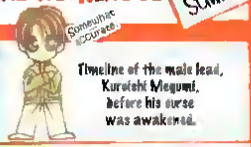

AS LONG AS DAD CONTINUES TO LOOK AFTER THE HOUSE, I CAN LIVE A LUXURIOUS STUDENT LIFE WITHOUT ANY MATERIALISTIC WORRIES.
O-GREAT! THE KOUGAMI FAMILY WHOM MY DAD HAS BEEN SERVING HAS DISAPPEARED!
Megumi, who is still unaware of his fate.
Where on earth can the master and his family be





Timeline of the male lead, Kuroishi Megumi, before his curse was awakened.

Muromachi Era	Megumi's ancestor, Kuronekomaru stole the Kokejiku of Noberyuu Scroll from the Kougami Family. As a result, the family's Dragon Guardian Spirit appeared, and laid a curse on Kuronekomaru. He, and as with his descendants, were to serve the Kougami family with utmost loyalty.
Edo era	Several things happened.
21 years ago	The steward of the Kougami family, Kuroishi Yoshimi, had a shotgun marriage.
17 years ago	The Kougami's only child, their daughter Suzuka, was born.
14 years ago	The Kougami Family, while on holiday in China, disappeared. Papa Kuroishi was very worried.
12 years ago	He found out later that The Kougami Family had died of disease save for their daughter.
Half a year ago	Suzuka, who was raised by foster parents, was found and returned to Japan (after 14 years). The Kuroishi curse is activated for the first time on Megumi, and he was troubled to no end from then on.
Last month	With help and support of Megumi's good friend Sagara, the relationship between Suzuka and Megumi improves.
Just some time ago	The son of a rich family Tokutsukasa Hiryuu came between Suzuka and Megumi, but instead managed to improve their relationship even more.
Current	It will be revealed in the following chapter.

One peaceful afternoon.
IF I WIN, THEN SUZUKA WILL HAVE TO KISS ME ONCE.
He, He!
AH, THEN, IF I WIN, I WANT MEGUMI TO KISS ME ONCE.
Who wants to kiss you?!
YOU ARE SUZUKA'S SERVANT!
HOW CAN YOU TWO-TIME HER?
I told you, Sagara is a guy!
SUZUKA, IF I WIN, WE'LL GO TO THE MOVIES TOGETHER!
I'M SORRY, HIRYUU!
I WILL DEFINITELY WIN!
AND AFTER THAT, I WILL BRING MEGUMI TO FIND THAT PERSON ...
I MUST DO IT!
AH!
I win!

Translator's Note: These are names of mahjong ? le combinations

北
發發發發
東東北
SORRY EVERYONE! IT'S ALL THANKS TO MEGUMI WHO GAVE ME THE TILE!
YAY! I WON!
SILLY OLD MAN, SEVEN PAIRS AND SZUANSHANG* TILES!

Rules are different from Japanese style mahjong!
I PLAYED VERY OFTEN WHEN I WAS IN CHINA
MY FOSTER MOTHER WAS ESPECIALLY GOOD AT IT!
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT MAHJONG, SUZUKA!
BECAUSE OF THAT CURSE ON YOU
HEH, YOU CAN NEVER BEAT HIME ANYWAY,
WHEN IT COMES TO WIN OR LOSE, YOU REALLY DON'T COMPROMISE.

SEEMS VERY SUSPICIOUS AND UNTRUST-WORTHY
BUT THAT WONG PRIEST FROM CHINA
ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT WE MADE I WILL BRING YOU TO MR. WONG!
I WON!
THAT BY ITSELF IS ALREADY VERY SUSPICIOUS
AND I REALLY DON'T BELIEVE THAT GUY CAN BREAK CURSES
One "Yen" would enough, Suzuka
HE IS A BUSY MAN, AND NOW THAT HE HAS COME TO JAPAN, IT WAS STILL VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH HIM!
ALTHOUGH HE IS NOMADIC AND HAS AN UNKNOWN AGE AND GENDER, AND IS AN INFAMOUS MONEY-GRUBBER, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT HE IS SUSPICIOUS! HE IS A RENOWNED PRIEST!

THERE MAY BE SOME HOPE THIS TIME
...
STARE
IS IT ALRIGHT?
WE SHOULD GO,
PROMISE ME
TO GET RID OF YOUR CURSE
IT'S NO USE
PROMISE HER!
SUZUKA HAS PUT IN A LOT OF EFFORT TO ARRANGE A MEETING FOR YOU.
...
Deep in thought
THIS GUY,
WHEN SUZUKA HAS A REQUEST FOR HIM, HE IS TOO HAPPY TO NOTICE ANYTHING ELSE
I'm his good friend, so I know him very well!

IT'S THE SAME AS HOW YOU FEEL.
MEGUMI, IF YOU HAVE A REQUEST OF ME, I WILL ALSO BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO FULFILL IT.
BEING ABLE TO HELP YOU IS A WONDERFUL THING
THE SAME, HUH
!
SWISH
THAT YOU WILL GIVE ME EVEN MORE SELFISH REQUESTS
SO, I HOPE
OKAY
EVEN IF IT'S AN ORDER, I WILL DO IT TOO...
WHAT'S DIFFERENT!!
Because of the Servant Curse, Megumi is unable to disobey a direct order from Suzuka.

I HATE THIS KIND OF METHOD
MANIPULATING SOMEONE WITHOUT RESPECTING THEIR WISHES AND OPINION
WHY DO YOU WISH TO BECOME MY SERVANT ON INSTINCT?
Rattle
DOES THAT STILL NEED TO BE EXPLAINED?
MY BODY AND HEART WISHES DEEPLY TO BE MANIPULATED BY THE PERSON I LOVE
THAT IS WHY ...

YOU ARE SO STRANGE MEGUMI
HE-HE-HE
YES I'M KINDA STRANGE
I WILL NEVER DO SUCH A TERRIBLE THING!
I WILL TAKE PLEASURE IN DOING IT STILL
EVEN IF YOUR REQUESTS STRANGLE ME,
ALL THE CELLS IN MY BRAIN ...
SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY YOU...
I'VE MADE YOU SICK IN THE HEAD!
I'M SORRY! I'M A VIRUS!
SOB
DASH

SHOCK
EH?
AH!
Don't look at me with that expression
HEH

UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU SHE WAS STUDYING VIRUSES AND BACTERIA IN BIOLOGY CLASS TODAY.
Suzuka.
I'M GOING HOME
Ha ha ha
Ha ha ha ha!
YOU'RE REALLY PERSISTENT TOWARDS HER!
IS THAT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE CURSE?
How irresponsible!

Ha ha ha ha!
CRAP... TO NOT MIND WHAT OTHERS THINK OF MY ACTIONS, IT MAY REALLY BE THE CURSE'S FAULT.
IS IT REALLY THAT FUNNY?
I'LL SEND YOU TO THE GATE TAKATSUKASA-SAMA.
THERE'S NO NEED
SHIBATA IS COMING TO PICK ME UP
OH. I SEE
STARE
YOU SEEM TO BE DIZZY WITH HAPPINESS
IT ALMOST MAKES ME RECONSIDER MY DECISION OF HANDING SUZUKA OVER TO YOU

OKAY...
I SHOULD GET GOING NOW
OH YES... HERE, YOUR DAD WANTED ME TO GIVE THIS TO YOU.
EH? A LETTER? WHEN DID HE GIVE THIS TO YOU?
JUST A WHILE AGO, WHEN YOU WERE PREPARING THE TEA.
While you were fussing over Suzuka.
?!
YOUR DAD SEEMED TO BE IN A HURRY, SO I DIDN'T GET TO TALK TO HIM MUCH
SORRY FOR INTRUDING AND BYE!
WHAT?!

The art of Toraware no Minoue has a fixed drawing concept.

I'm sure everyone has noticed it by now, but I still want to write about it. The process of drawing is as follows:

1. Megumi and Suzuka will definetly have at least one part of their body joined together.

2. The chains. Because it symbolizes Megumi's love and slavery towards Suzuka.

3. The cuffs. Same reason as above.

4. Grilles and devices of captivity. Again same reason as with 2.

5. Sashes are used in place of rope to tie up Megumi, same reason as above.

6. Their (the characters') dressing is largely formal.

7. It's a little H and passionate, and carries the aura of a fairytale. There are bodyguards (and the mafia are also involved).

One of the above.

From volume 1-7, every scene has at least two of the above mentioned criteria.

Of course, the cover of this volume also adheres to the above process.

IT CAN'T BE
HE IS SERIOUS THIS TIME?
MEGUMI!!
UNCLE KUROISHI IS MISSING!
HE LEFT A LETTER! IN MY ROOM!
HE HAD ALWAYS HELD THE KOUGAMI FAMILY IN GREAT ESTEEM
CAN'T BE
IT
SO, WHY DID HE LEAVE THE MASTER KEY BEHIND AND SUDDENLY LEAVE FOR A VACATION?

I HAVE A BAD FEELING
DOES THAT GUY HAVE SOME KIND OF ULTERIOR MOTIVE?
QUIVER
I have left the master key with you, therefore, I am handling everything to you
Due to some unknown reasons, I have to go on a journey.
Please pardon my abrupt leave I shall leave Suzuka and the Kougami house to you.
SHOCK
CHAK
COMING!
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHY MYSELF
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
He He!
HOWEVER, THERE ARE ONLY THE TWO OF US LEFT ALONE IN THIS HOUSE
DING DONG
Ah!
AH! THERE'S A GUEST!
WHO KNOWS IT MIGHT BE UNCLE KURODO!
I'M NOT REFERRING TO THE FACT THAT WE'RE ALONE.
SO B
...
SIGH

BAM
ACK!!
Doki
Doki
Doki
CHAK
AH ...?
WHO'S THAT SCARY LOOKING PERSON?
WASN'T THERE A GUEST?
WHAT A CREEPY GUEST
REALLY
DO YOU WANT TO OPEN THE DOOR?
CHAK
I'M ALREADY USED TO IT
WEIRD PEOPLE USED TO COME BY THE DROVES

BANG
IS IT A COLD BLOODED HOUSING AGENT ...?
OR IS IT A BRUTE FORCE DEBT COLLECTOR?
CLACK
HUH?
PULL

MEGUMI!!
Waaa!!
ROLL
SMACK
!

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS.
MY DEAR MEGUMI-CHAN
YOU'VE BECOME MORE MANLY THAN BEFORE,
PUSHING YOU DOWN WAS SO WORTH IT! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
I'M SORRY,
THIS IS MY MOTHER
But she's not listed in the family registry
BSTICKY
MEGUMI'S ... MOTHER ...
I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR SURPRISE
HER YOUTH IS BROUGHT ABOUT BY MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF PLASTIC SURGERY
THAT'S ME...N, MEGUMI-CHAN!

BUT, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE TO THAT EVIL PERSON!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO PICKED A FIGHT WITH SOMEONE ARMED WITH A BLOWTORCH! THAT'S MORONIC!
Don't pull the puppy eyes on me!
BLUSH
I WAS BURNT BY A BLOW-TORCH.
AND WHEN I WAS UNDERGOING SURGERY, I ASKED THE DOCTOR TO SMOOTHEN MY WRINKLES AT THE SAME TIME.
I CAN SMELL THE BLOOD AND SMOKE ON YOU.
You think I will be fooled by that?
YOU WORKED AT THE INTERNA-TIONAL POLICE FORCE
AND YOUR MAIN JOB WAS TO FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING,
AND BECAUSE OF YOUR HIGHER THAN AVERAGE SKILLS
YOU ARE FEARED AMONG THE UNDERWORLD
AND HAVE BEEN CALLED THE LIONESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCE LION ETO JISHII, A.K.A LION
stare
NO, THAT
Aww, call me Eto!
She's already shivering!
See! Even Suzuka is scared of you!

I'M KOUGAMI SUZUKA.
ABOUT JUST NOW... I'M SORRY
NI— NICE TO MEET YOU.
squeeze
I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE SAFE!
MY PARTNER IN THE IPF FOUND OUT YOUR WHEREABOUTS IN CHINA.
NICE TO MEET YOU!! I'M THE LION WHO GAVE BIRTH TO MEGUMI-CHAN, ETO JISHI
YOU ARE REALLY SUZUKA!
Ah!
HE HE HE!
UHU! HU! HU!
?
GRR

MEGUMI-CHAN, ALTHOUGH I DON'T RESPECT YOUR DECISION TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND WORK AT THIS HOUSE
YOU'RE A FINE YOUNG LADY!
SHOCK
WHO KNOWS, YOU MAY EVEN GIVE HER YOUR BODY AND SOUL!
HA HA
I SEEM TO HAVE SAID SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THAT JUST NOW...
OH...
Dizzy
Thump
Thump
Thump
Thump
EH?
AH,
EH?
Hime.
FLOP

To be your lowly servant is such indescribable joy!
YOU ARE NOT A LOWLY SERVANT, JUST HURRY UP AND WAKE UP!
AH
!!
SHIVER
Every single word that your lowly servant has just said came from the bottom of my heart!
EH... I KNOW,
CAN YOU PLEASE CALM DOWN?
Ah! Such gentleness!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PROMISE YOU MADE TO RAISE MY DARLING MEGUMI INTO A NORMAL PERSON!!?
FATHER OF THIS BASTARD SON, YOU'VE BETTER COME OUT RIGHT NOW!

I DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO PLAY HIDE AND SEEK WITH YOU!
APPEAR THIS INSTANT IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!
DON'T MESS AROUND!
WHAT? HE WENT ON A VACATION?
Darn it.
He must have had a premonition that something very bad was going to happen to him, and so he left!
He must've known that I was coming back.
KNEELING ON THE FLOOR
SORRY, BUT THAT'S MY MUM'S TRUE COLORS
squeeze
He went back to Nonna
drip drip
Uu,
WAAAAAH!
I ALWAYS WISHED FOR MEGUMI TO GROW UP NORMAL, AND NOT TO FOLLOW IN MY FOOTSTEPS!
SO, THAT CURSE YOSHI-CHAN* WAS TALKING ABOUT WAS FOR REAL!
HE EVEN LAUGHED AND SAID THAT SINCE YOU HAD NOT BUILT UP PRIOR RESISTANCE TO THE KUROISHI FAMILY, THE SUDDEN MEETING WOULD PROBABLY TRIGGER THE CURSE!
WAAAAAH! WAAAAH!
He thought it was a lie too
Sorry but when I make eye contact with Sousuke the curse activates

THAT'S WHY,
IT'S NO GOOD
I WON'T ALLOW THE BOTH OF YOU TO BE TOGETHER
EVEN IF IT MEANS USING BRUTE FORCE.
Wait!
I'LL OBJECT.
IT'S YOUR RIGHT IF YOU WANT TO OBJECT
I GUESS
...
I'm leaving the room!
BECAUSE YOUR BODY LANGUAGE TELLS ME YOU DON'T WANT ME ANYWHERE NEAR SUZUKA.
ONE LOOK AND I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY!
I'VE NOT EVEN SAID ANYTHING YET!
EH ...?

SORR...
GRAB
!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE.
THAT'S RIGHT.
IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT, BUT THE CURSES'
IT'S MAINLY BECAUSE OF MY LINE OF WORK
I'VE SEEN MANY CHILDREN WHOSE RIGHTS WERE TAKEN AWAY AND WERE SOLD AS YOU WOULD SELL PRODUCTS
THAT IS WHY ...

I will not allow the existence of this "Servant Curse" which takes away human rights!
That is why,
Until the curse is removed, I will not allow both of you to be together!
IT'S UNFORGIVABLE!
THAT'S RIGHT!
WHAT!?
...!
WHY TODAY?
TO SEE MR. WONG!
THIS IS WHY WE MUST GO RIGHT NOW,
MEGUMI.
ARE YOU MR. WONG?
WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO HELP WITH A PROBLEM OF OURS
AYAYA,
HERE COMES A CUSTOMER WHO IS AFFLICTED WITH A RARE CURSE.
woosh
woosh
woosh

THAT IS NOT A CURSE OF EVIL,
IT HAS ROOTS WHICH ARE DEEPLY INTERTWINED WITH LOVE.
?
!
YOU CAN TELL?
INDEED.
WELL, MR WONG
I DO NOT WANT MONEY
I DO NOT HAVE THE POWER
TO REMOVE A CURSE OF THAT STRENGTH
HOWEVER, I CAN TELL YOU THIS
hum

AH?
AREN'T YOU TRYING TO QUIT?
YOSHI-CHAN!
!!!
YOU'RE BECOMING MORE AND MORE LIKE YOSHI-CHAN
DON'T DWELL TOO MUCH ON IT, SUZUKA
reservoir, my ass!
ONE LOOK AND YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY?
So you're saying HAS THE CURSE BEEN REMOVED?
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A WITHERED OLD WOMAN?
MY MOTHER WILL PASS ON A LOT SOONER THAN US
BESIDES, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT OUR AGES,
HIME, THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY
I CAN'T JUST ACCEPT IT...
BAM

WUP WUP WUP WUP
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
THEY'RE HERE.
!?
THE REASON FOR MY RETURN WAS BECAUSE OF WORK.
I HOPE BOTH OF YOU WILL CO-OPERATE WITH ME

HE INSISTED ON COMING WITH ME
WHO IS HE?
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK.
WE'VE BETTER START IT SOON!
LION,
I HAVE BOUGHT THE PHOTOGRAPHS AND THE VIDEOTAPE.
SUZUKA.
DO YOU STILL REMEMBER HIM?
Smile
Smile
Smile
Smile
HE IS ARJINA RITORI,
AN OVERSEAS STUDENT FROM INDIA.
MY NAME IS KOUGAMI SUZUKA.
AH,
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
WAS SHE BORN WITH A TEMPER DEFECT?
YU...
Sob
Sob
...

ETO,
WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS BOOK?
THAT?
This is the first time I've seen her five year old face.
AH, IT REALLY IS SUZUKA
Peek
SHAKES HEAD
OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
OKAY, THEN
DO YOU REMEMBER THIS PHOTO?
THIS WAS WHEN YOU WERE FIVE YEARS OLD
Eeh?
That is the log of children who were being sold in the black market.

Please, try your best to recall! Suzuka!
Try to remember the incident when you were kidnapped by that organization!
And then, be our witness,
and point out which of them is the head of that organization!
SWOOP
AH,
Coincidentally,
a suspect has been detained by the Japanese police force.
He is going to be released in 4 days time!
Please, try to remember something within this period!
MAY I ASK

ARJINA'S ACCOUNT ALONE IS NOT OF MUCH USE!
WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN HELP US OUT!
PLEASE
THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH, ETO...
SUZUKA HAS ALREADY FORGOTTEN.
BUT, IF SHE CAN RECALL THE INCIDENT,
SHE WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE THOSE CHILDREN WHO ARE GOING TO AND WILL BE SOLD!

I...
ALSO HOPE THAT YOU CAN REMEMBER ME
smish
shuu
HUM?
YOU STILL HAVE PIERCED EARS.
!?
Eh?
WH...?!
!!
REALLY,
HOW COULD YOU EVER FORGET THAT TIME WHEN WE WERE RUNNING FOR OUR LIVES, HAND IN HAND?
SUZU
Yuu..
HE IS AN IMPORTANT WITNESS. PLEASE, DO NOT ACT RASHLY
RUNNING FOR OUR LIVES
HAND IN HAND?
HOW BORING YOU REALLY DO NOT REMEMBER?
SUZUKA

(TORAWARE NO MINOUE VOL2 CH5 / END)

In the universe of Toraware no Minoue, there is a fixed art concept,
so you would never see a scene like this. (But I drew this scene anyway)

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SUZUKA!!
ARJINA ...?
AR...
...
WERE WE REALLY AN INTIMATE COUPLE WHO SHARED EACH OTHER'S WOUNDS IN THE PAST?

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED?
WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER FOR 12 YEARS
...
Sob!

...
WOOM
SLAP

SUZUKA,
WE ARE ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER WHILE WE'RE STILL ALIVE,
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE UPSET ABOUT!
STOP CRYING YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY
UMM...
ZOOM
!
YOU DARE TO MAKE HER CRY--
tap tap tap
LIFT
OI!

—
—
THAT'S RIGHT. HE IS LIKE HER BROTHER.
AH—
He seems very protective over Suzuka
IS HE SUZUKA'S BROTHER?
UM—

WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO THIS EVEN IF ONE MORE PERSON HATES ME I TOTALLY DON'T CARE
THE NUMBER OF CRIMINALS I HAVE MET ARE UNCOUNT-ABLE
I'VE BEEN WITH THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCE FOR MANY YEARS
He hates you a lot, too
That is your only son
HUM... IF YOU SAY THINGS LIKE THAT, HE IS GONNA HATE YOU EVEN MORE

THE SUSPECTED HEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT SOLD THE CHILDREN IN THE BLACK MARKET IS CURRENTLY BEING DETAINED BY THE JAPANESE POLICE FORCE
SUZUKA AND ARJINA WERE KIDNAPPED BY THAT ORGANIZATION WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG.
IF THEY CAN RECOGNIZE THE FACE OF THE MAN HE CAN IMMEDIATELY BE CHARGED.
BUT LOOKING AT SUZUKA'S RESPONSE, SHE OBVIOUSLY CANNOT RECALL THE HORRIFYING DETAILS OF THAT EVENT
THERE ARE ONLY FOUR DAYS, ARJINA, ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP...?
YOU ARE SO EMOTIONLESS...
THIS IS MY JOB.
Megumi hates me, I will still feel really sad...
Hoop
Yes yes yes, it's Hanson really is...
AHHH!!!
FALLS
WA AA AA HH!

ASTONISHED
MEGUMI?
AH!
POF
?
?
...
LEFT EAR.
closes
shuuu

ARE YOU ANGRY WITH ARJINA?
I WASN'T CRYING BECAUSE OF HIM
AH...
!
FLINCH

THUMP THUMP THUMP
THUMP THUMP
WHAT?
WH...
YOUR LEFT EAR WAS LICKED BY...
THAT BOY...
SO I WANT TO LICK IT AS WELL.
NO, IT'S NOT...
IT'S NOT THAT YOU CAN'T...
CAN'T I?
THUMP
!!
THAT'S GOOD...
MEGUMI ?
!?
MEGUMI
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME

...
PLEASE
CAN YOU STOP?
THUMP THUMP THUMP
...
!
I DON'T WANT TO STOP
WHAT IS HE...
YOU DIDN'T EVEN STOP HIM.
!

IT'S BECAUSE OF HIM... THAT I AM HERE NOW...
ALL I'VE REMEMBERED IS THAT THIS PERSON, ARJINA...
HE GAVE ME COURAGE,
AND RESCUED ME FROM THAT SCARY PRISON..
I WAS SO TOUCHED THAT I KNEELED DOWN...
WHEN I SUDDENLY REMEMBERED ALL THAT
HA-HA-HA
SHH
SORRY

By letting her leave behind the past and present, I can avoid dangerous situations

...
NO, I WANT TO HELP YOUR MOTHER.
HELP HER CAPTURE THE CRIMINALS!
I MUST PROTECT HER
YOU CAN'T! YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMEMBER!
BUT
THOSE MEMORIES OF THE KIDNAP WILL DO YOUR BODY HARM!

DON'T CRITICIZE ME!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN STUBBORN.
NO CHOICE.
BECAUSE YOU'LL REMAIN AT MY SIDE.
THUMP
NOT GOOD.
THUMP
THUMP
...
FLUSTERED
MEGUMI?
BUT I DID THAT TO HER JUST NOW
SUZUKA TRUSTS ME THIS MUCH.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
POOF

ARE YOU FEELING VERY UNCOMFORTABLE NOW?
YOU
3
EH!?
THE CURSE IS AT WORK!
GULP
turns
THUMP THUMP THUMP
YES PRIN-CESS
2
I FEEL THAT AT THIS TIME THIS IS A PUNISHMENT SET BY YOUR ANCESTORS IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY
AH PLEASE, DON'T MIND ME,
1
WOBBLY
WOBBLY
0
CHAK.
I AM VERY SORRY,
FOR MY USELESSNESS, PLEASE LET ME DIE AS MY PUNISHMENT'
Megumi!
FWUMP
This is the first floor!

PRINCESS
YOU MUST NOT BE LIKE THIS
I COMPLETELY DON'T THINK THAT YOU ARE USELESS!
EH?
BESIDE ME!
THEN, CAN I CONTINUE TO SERVE BESIDE YOU LIKE IN THE PAST?
YES YOUR SERVANT WILL FEEL MORE AT EASE!
WHAT IS THIS?
I ALREADY RETHOUGHT MY ACTIONS JUST NOW, AND HAVE BECOME YOUR LOVING SERVANT!
SO THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED, YOU ONLY RECALL HOW YOUR REAL PARENTS DIED AND THE TIME WHEN YOUR ADOPTIVE PARENTS ADOPTED YOU,
WHEN YOU REMEMBERED HOW ARJINA RESCUED YOU FROM THAT SCARY PLACE
YES

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Side column

The story of my chief editor!

My chief editor Miss T is a beautiful woman who can wear a cheongsam without looking like a hag. She always gives me very good advice and service so I trust her a lot.

Miss T has a very mystical power. When I used to worked at the office, this would often happen. Because of other work I went home 1 1/2 hour later than usual and after I opened the main door and said "I am home~" the moment I walked into the living room.

That call would definitely be from Miss T.

This happened quite a number of times (Did she install some spy device?)

I KNOW THAT ASKING YOU TO REMEMBER ALL THOSE HORRIFYING DETAILS IS VERY PAINFUL,
BUT CAN I PLEASE REQUEST THAT OF YOU?
YES!
YES!
OH YES, MEGUMI
AH ..?

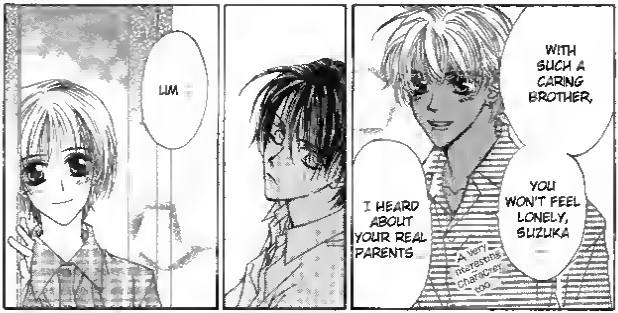
SNAP
I WILL DEFINITELY PROTECT YOU
IF THAT FEMALE GHOST DOES ANYTHING UNTOWARD, I, AS YOUR LOVING SERVANT
PLEASE, ENJOY,
PRINCESS

BONK
AH!
Haven't I said before... until the curse is dissolved, I will definitely not recognize your relationship with her..!!
When did you become a servant...
FINALLY RETURNED TO REALITY
Mesami, are you alright?
OH, YES! WHY ARE YOU GUYS STILL HERE? It's already very late!
SHE HAS ALSO AGREED TO IT.
WE WILL BE STAYING HERE UNTIL SUZUKA REMEMBERS THE PAST,
AS I JUST SAID,
UM...
A LOT OF CHILDREN MIGHT BE RESCUED!
THIS WAY,
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, SUZUKA...

UK scans

...
WHEW
WHAT !?
zzz..
SWOOP
DO YOU PLAN TO SIT THERE FOR THE ENTIRE NIGHT?
OF COURSE
BECAUSE A DANGEROUS BOY LIVES HERE NOW
tap tap
LET ME SEE TO THEM! BECAUSE MY DAD HAS PASSED THIS HOUSE TO ME!
The main key is with me!
CHAK
WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME HELP THE GUESTS PREPARE THEIR ROOMS?
I SAID BEFORE, YOU CAN'T JUST OPEN THE DOOR WHENEVER YOU WISH TO!
AH!

tap tap
AH...
HERE HE IS...
!
TO COME TO A GIRL'S ROOM SO LATE AT NIGHT,
YOU MUST HAVE A VERY GOOD REASON...
DON'T SHOW SUCH A SCARY FACE,
I WON'T LICK SUZUKA AGAIN...
THIS IS... REALLY GREAT


LIM...
I HEARD ABOUT YOUR REAL PARENTS...
A VERY IMPRESSIVE CHARACTER, TOO
WITH SUCH A CARING BROTHER,
YOU WON'T FEEL LONELY, SUZUKA...

THERE'S SOMETHING I COULDN'T SAY IN FRONT OF ETO...
EH?
AND,
WAIT... WHO DID YOU SAY WAS WHOSE BROTHER?

IF YOU WERE REALLY UNWILLING TO HELP THEM...
THEN I WASN'T PLANNING TO HELP EITHER...

Til the release date,
there were only four days.

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ไม่นะ!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
...
THAT WAS SCARY ...
I DON'T DARE GO BACK TO SLEEP
SCARED THAT I WILL REMEMBER THOSE HORRIFYING EVENTS
GRAB
GRAB

Til the release date,
there were only three days.

SHUDDER
I MUST REMEMBER THEM QUICKLY.
WHEN FATHER AND MOTHER DIED.
THEN
THERE WAS A PERSON WHO HELD MY HAND.
ARJINA
MY MOTHER IN CHINA
WHEN I WAS ADOPTED, WHEN MOTHER SAW ME, WHAT DID I LOOK LIKE
I WANT TO CALL HER AND ASK.
BUT THE HOME IN CHINA HAS NO PHONE...

Til the release date,
there were only two days.
YOU HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH SLEEP!
BLAME YOURSELF FOR HELPING ME WATCH THE DOOR EVERY NIGHT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME!
...EH?
YOU LOOK RATHER PALE...
Ah ...!
NOW IS NOT TIME TO WORRY ABOUT ME!
IF I CAN'T KEEP AWAKE, I'LL SLEEP DURING CLASS TIME
AH! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
YOU DON'T STOP THE TWO OF THEM, DOES THAT MEAN YOU ACCEPT THEIR FRIENDSHIP?

smile.
SO, THAT'S WHAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS
WHEN TOMORROW COMES,
IF YOU STILL CAN'T REMEMBER,
WE CAN ASK FOR PROFESSIONAL HELP. ASK THEM TO HELP YOU RECOVER YOUR MEMORIES

HAVE YOU SUFFERED ENOUGH?

I WON'T ALLOW THEM TO TORTURE YOU ANYMORE!

THEY HAVE ESCAPED.
NEVER MIND THAT.
WHAT SUZUKA NEEDS NOW,
IS REST
Squeeze
LET'S GO TO A PLACE WHERE WE CAN FORGET EVERYTHING, WHERE WE CAN SLEEP PEACEFULLY

PLEASE, REST WELL.
EH?
GRAB
O!
O! PLEASE, LET GO
AH!!
THE... THE RED MARK ON HER NECK!
THUMP
IT IS THE KISS MARK I LEFT WHEN I COULDN'T CONTROL MYSELF LAST TIME!

EH!?
TWO PEOPLE IN A HOTEL
DEFENSELESS SUZUKA...
NERVOUS ME
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
IN THIS SITUATION...
AND THE INCIDENT AT THE SINK WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ENTER SUZUKA'S ROOM AT NIGHT.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING OF DOING TO MISS?!
Megumi!
AH! IF DAD WAS HERE NOW,
HE WOULD DEFINITELY COME AND STOP THIS
THIS IS JUST TOO DANGEROUS

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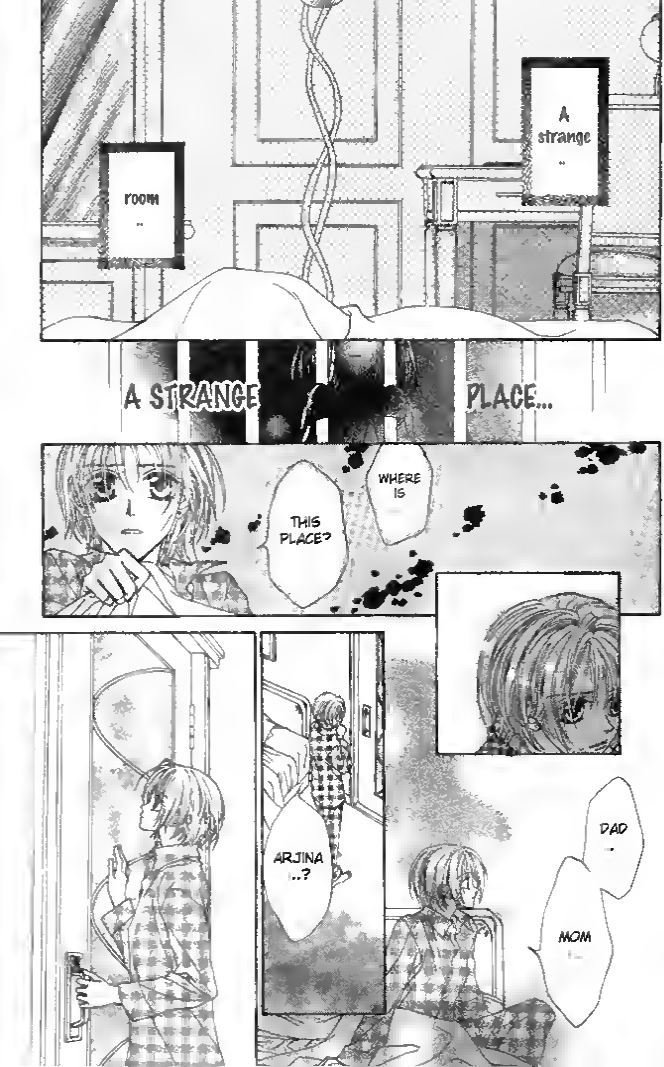
no Minoue

I don't know when I was separated from Arjina ..
FROM NOW ON, THIS LITTLE SNACK SHOP WILL BE YOUR NEW HOME ...
AND WE WILL BE YOUR NEW PARENTS.
THEY WERE ABOUT TO THROW HER AWAY...
THE POLICE STATION DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HER PAST.
AND SHE DOESN'T EVEN SPEAK THE LANGUAGE.
Who are they? Are they bad people?
AH ...
POOR THING ...
SHIVER
AND THEY EVEN PUT A NUMBER TAG ON HER...

HUG
IT'S OKAY NOW
DON'T BE AFRAID
"It's okay, don't be afraid"
These two aren't those people's partners
...
THOSE SCARY BAD PEOPLE.

WAKES UP
THE PEOPLE WITH THE ICY GLARES
...
GETS UP
A STRANGE CEILING
...?


A strange ..
room ..
A STRANGE PLACE...
WHERE IS
THIS PLACE?
DAD ..
MOM ..
ARJINA ..?

door opens
GOOD MORNING
SURPRISED
AH..
MEGUMI ..?
WAKING UP IN A STRANGE PLACE DID IT SCARE YOU?
THIS IS A HOTEL
NO, IT'S
AFTER I TOOK YOU HERE LAST NIGHT YOU FELL ASLEEP REALLY FAST
YOU PROBABLY DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED AFTER..
YES, I WAS SLEEPING SOUNDLY
THANK YOU

YOU HAVE MORE ENERGY AFTER A GOOD REST, RIGHT?
YOU LOOK PALE. DID YOU STAY UP ALL NIGHT?
HUH?
I CAN TELL WHY?
WHY?
THUD
Ahh.....

UGH!
YOU ARE DEFENSELESS IN THE ROOM NEXT TO ME
HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO FALL ASLEEP ?!!!
I'M AT MY LIMIT, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN HOLD BACK ANYMORE!

MEGUMI
GLUP
THIS TIME
I MIGHT NOT JUST LEAVE A KISS MARK
AH ...!
BLUSH
THUNK

THUMP
MEGUMU
IT'S ALWAYS ME WHO TELLS YOU HOW I REALLY FEEL,
MY HEART CAN'T TAKE THIS—
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?
THUMP

I...
RING
RING
RING
RING
I'M SORRY
RING
RING

ETO YOU'RE VERY ANNOYING
I TOLD YOU I'M NOT GOING TO BRING SUZUKA BACK.
Ah ...
Do you want to become enemies with my organization? I can easily find you!
I let you leave last night so Suzuka could have a good rest
It's already 7a.m., you two were given the whole day,
now she must cooperate obediently!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN MUST...
LET'S GO HOME, MEGUMI.
glance
AFTER RESTING I FEEL MUCH BETTER
I JUST NEED A LITTLE MORE TIME AND THEN I'LL REMEMBER.
SUZUKA ...

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Between the first and second volume, a lot of things have happened.
1 When the first book of Torawara was reprinted (1) it became "Torawara 1"
2 There was a discussion with the manga artists teachers of "Flowering Dreams" (I really enjoyed our first meeting.)
3 The discussion was published in Bai Quan Shu's free newsletter and of all things all the photos of me foolishly laughing, acting nervous and putting on airs were put up as well. (so embarrassing!)
4 Won the New Artist Award from Bai Quan Shi
5 First time with coloured pages
6 First time on the Lala magazine cover
7 Torawara was sold out for the fourth time!
8 I received a lot of fanmail
A lot of happy things happened. It is so touching. I must keep up the good work! (or is this needless boasting?)
Matsuri Hino

YOU SPOIL ME TOO MUCH
JUST LET THIS SITUATION END QUICKLY

HELLO
SHE'S YELLING AT YOU
Ah... Ah... Thank you very much Suzuka.
You're just so great!!
AHHHHH!

I'm in a hurry so the helicopters are going to go get you!
WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP
Serious dark lines under eyes from look of sleep
SLEEPY
I DIDN'T GET ANY SLEEP AND I HAD TO RIDE A HELICOPTER
STRUGGLE
NO. YOU DIDN'T WEAR SHOES
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO CARRY ME
MOM!
I REALLY CAN'T STAND YOUR ZOMBIE LOOK!
BUT YOU DON'T EVEN CARE ABOUT ME!
ALWAYS TAKING CARE OF MASTERS LIKE THEIR GODS!
YOU'RE JUST LIKE KUROISHI

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING.
IF A MAN LET WOMAN WALK WITH BARE FEET,
BUT FIRST, THIS IS NOT "THE CURSE OF THE SERVANTS" THAT CAUSED ME TO BE CARELESS
SO IT'S THE "SERVANT'S CURSE"
BUT KUROISHI'S MASTER IS A GUY
You're such a pain! Work comes first!
I'm asking you!
B
AM
SUDDEN OUTBURST
YOU REMEMBERED CRIMINAL'S FACE YET?
YE.. YES.

I'M SORRY, YOU'RE ALWAYS BY MY SIDE BUT I WOULD ONLY BE A BURDEN ...
tick
tock
tick
tock
tick
tock
HE WAS THE EYES OF A DEMON.
IF I JUST SEE THOSE DEMON EYES, I WILL RECOGNIZE THE CRIMINAL.

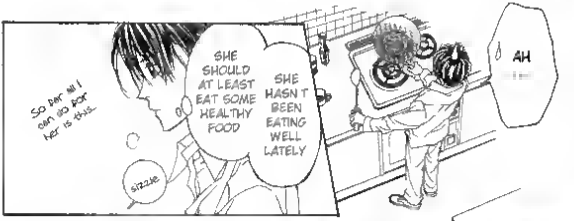
SLAM
SEND BACK UP TO PURSUE THE SUSPECT!
SO, IT'S ACTUALLY THAT MAN!
HURRY!
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE SUFFERING.
BECAUSE I'VE BEEN THROUGH WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH NOW
YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND THIS KIND OF FEELING UNLESS YOU FEEL IT YOURSELF.
YEAH
EVERYTHING
I'VE REMEMBERED EVERYTHING....

SHE REMEMBER MOST OF THE STUFF .
I WANT TO GO BACK TO MY ROOM NOW
OKAY YOU SHOULD GO REST FIRST.
HE'S REALLY A GOOD GUY...
YEAH.. HE IS ...
SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE
rustle

SMPE
QUIT SMOKING, ETO.
KUROISHI WHERE ARE YOU GO ...
!!
PICKS
UP
AH!
Koroishi?
I DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU AT WORK I WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL YOU FINISH

I KNOW I PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO MY MASTER.
BUT YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON THAT I LOVE.
AND YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON THAT WILL BE PICKED UP BY ME LIKE A PRINCESS
ETO
MY PRINCESS
YOU MUST HAVE SECRETLY BEEN INVESTIGATING US
UH
DON'T WORRY, MEGUMI UNDERSTANDS YOUR WEAKNESS
Really ...?
OF COURSE HE DOES. HE'S NOT A CHILD ANYMORE
Are you sure ...?
Waaaaaaah!!!!! Megumi is sick of me and finds me bothersome!!!! Waaaaaaah!!
Waaaaaaaaaaaah ~!

Was it me that made her cry?
sizzle
SHE'S CRYING SO LOUDLY
UGH
Waaaaaah!!!


SO DAMN IT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR HER IS THIS...
sizzle
SHE SHOULD AT LEAST EAT SOME HEALTHY FOOD
SHE HASN'T BEEN EATING WELL LATELY
AH

THE THING IS
THE SUZUKA THAT LOVES TO CRY SEEMS TO BE TIRED FROM CRYING
WHO CAN COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND HER...
BECAUSE I CAN'T GO THROUGH THIS WITH HER SINCE I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S FEELING LIKE HIRYUU DOES...

sizzle
sizzle
SHE SHOULD BE SCARED
WHY WON'T SHE CRY IN FRONT OF ME?
sizzle

SUZUKA ...
LET HER REST FOR A WHILE
SHE'S TRYING VERY HARD TO SETTLE HER EMOTIONS NOW...
ARJINA RITORI, YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE HORRIBLE FEELINGS SHE'S HAVING
DON'T COME HERE!
ALL I WANT TO DO ...
IS UNDERSTAND WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING !
WALKS PAST
KNOCK
I'M COMING IN.
chak
MOVE!

YAHHHH !!!!!
SORRY! I'll not barge in next time!
!!!!
AH!
BAM
I MADE SOME RICE FOR YOU
SORRY
THANK YOU, I'M FINE NOW. SO
YOUR FACE LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE JUST ABOUT TO CRY
I WON'T CRY,
BECAUSE IF I CRY, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN STILL GO ON.
JUST LIKE WHEN ARJINA SAVED ME ALL I COULD DO WAS CRY...

JUST CRY,
CRY UNTIL YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH TO CRY ANYMORE.
DON'T WORRY,
YOU CAN CRY ON MY SHOULDER.
SOB
Hum ...
MEGUMI... YOU'RE SPOILING ME TOO MUCH LIKE THIS...
BECAUSE YOU NEVER COME TO ME WHEN YOU'RE SAD,
BEING LIKE THIS IS PERFECT.

WHERE ARE YOUR EARRINGS?
I TOOK IT OFF
SOB
SOB
I DON'T WANT TO LET THEM PUT A NUMBER TAG ON ME ANYMORE
AND PUT A PRICE TAG WHERE EARRINGS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE.
HOLDS TIGHT
IT'S LIKE THIS...
TOO BAD, I WAS ABOUT TO BUY YOU A PAIR OF EARRINGS.
...
...
I'M SORRY
YOU DON'T LIKE TO WEAR THEM
...
SNIFF

SUZUKA DIDN'T WANT TO TELL ME THE DETAILS OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED
THERE IS NOTHING INTERESTING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED
SHE SAID WITHOUT A CARE
YOU HAVE TO GO BACK SO SOON
YEAH SCHOOL IS ALMOST OVER
DON'T FORGET TO WRITE ME!
OKAY
THEN. I'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME...
YEAH
TAKE CARE
ARJINA
VRUUUM
Maybe

From now on, Arjuna will always stay in Suzuka's heart, forever.
I'M NOT SATISFIED BECAUSE MY DESIRE WILL JUST KEEP GROWING
MEGUMI!
HUH?

HOW DARING
YOU DIDN'T EVEN GIVE ME A WARNING.
I LIKE YOU
LOOK, I'M WEARING EARRINGS

YOUR EXISTENCE,
THEN I WORE THEM, SO THE HOLES WON'T CLOSE UP.
BECAUSE I WANT THE EARRINGS THAT YOU WERE GOING TO GIVE ME.

HAS SLOWLY CAPTURED ME,
AH AH
TO WHERE I CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT IT.

shuffle shuffle
shuffle shuffle
shuffle shuffle
shuffle shuffle
shuffle shuffle

UGH!
YOU CHOKE ME EVERY TIME, THAT'S WHY I LEFT LAST TIME!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU, THIS ISN'T MY FAULT!
The whole heartful truth
Give me back my old Megumi !!
On vacation
I BEG YOU PLEASE PLAY LESS VIOLENTLY AND HAPPILY
I'll do anything in my power for you to win!
GO PRINCESS!

Miss?
STARES
MEGUMI
YEAH... MY BODY WOUNDS DON'T HEAL EASILY
SUZUKA IS REALLY CUTE I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD LIKE HER
WHAT?!
OH,
BONK
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
!!!
AHH
SUZUKA, THE KISS MARK ON YOUR NECK HAS FINALLY DISAPPEARED
That's great!
UNTIL THE "CURSE OF THE SERVANTS" IS OVER TO BE SECRETLY KISSING!
BUT YOU SHOULD WAIT
Megumi who dare you so scream like that when I was gone
THANK YOU! ONLY YOU UNDERSTAND ME!
I THINK ETO IS RIGHT.
I will try my best!

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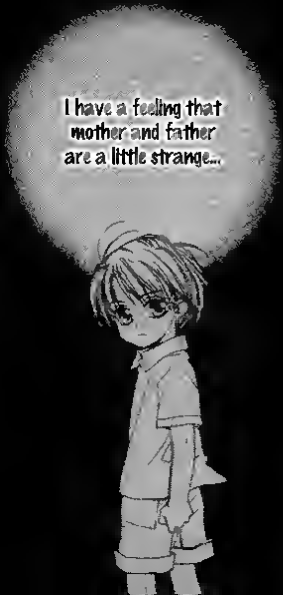
I have a feeling that
mother and father
are a little strange...

I have to go work at the organization.
BUT I'LL LEAVE MEGUMI HERE FOR YOU TO WATCH!
SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.
20 years ago...
ETO, DYING YOUR HAIR THAT COLOR WASN'T A GOOD IDEA ...
Nah- it's ok.
EEEK!!! I'm so happy!
Ahh...! Megumi is starting to look like me!
17 years ago (She broke her arm while at work and hasn't been able to return to her country in 10 years)
AIYAH... I HOPE THE MASTER AND LADY ARE SAFE...
I'M GOING TO GET KILLED.
HA, HA, HA!!!
SQUEEZE
OK!!! Megumi, let's wrestle!
13 years ago. (Too violent, so banned from returning to her country for 2 years)
Megumi at age 7... still doesn't know that Eto = mother.
AYE... IN ORDER TO NOT LOSE TO HER, YOU SHOULD KEEP TRAINING ...
TO BECOME CHAMPION MEANS TO WIN IT...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
HUH?
HUH?
I thought my life would end!
WHO IS THAT OCCASIONALLY...
APPEARING FEMALE MONSTER!

Daddy later remembered to tell his son who his mother is.
Because stealing you is quite meaningful.
WELL,
I CAN'T SAY...
ETO'S TRUE IDENTITY?
Resisting with all his might.
YOU ARE THE REFORMIST OF THE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION AREN'T YOU, (SOME CODENAME THAT DEALS WITH SUPER STRENGTH OR POWERFUL)
You're here again!!
I ALREADY KNOW WHO YOU ARE!
Megumi at age 8,
POINTS
GLARE
WHAT?
The young Megumi Kurioushi, has seen some of her true side.
OK ...
MY LIFE IS OVER.
Tremble Tremble Tremble
LITTLE MEGUMI.
♡
AIYAH, YOU CAN JUST CALL ME ETO,

IS THE FAR AWAY PLACE HEAVEN?
MOTHER WENT TO A FAR AWAY PLACE 9 YEARS AGO...
Megumi at age 9
YOU CAME FROM...
EVEN NOW, I STILL LOVE YOUR MOTHER VERY MUCH.
MEGUMI ...
IT IS TIME TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH ....
Is father really in love?
SHE GAVE BIRTH TO YOU.
GRIN
THAT ...
CRAZY FEMALE MONSTER'S STOMACH.
He went into his rebellious stage!
WAAAA-AAAAA-AAAAA AAAAA H!!!!!
BECAUSE ETO HAD PROBLEMS WHILE GIVING BIRTH TO YOU.

BUT ...!
HEY, WHY DON'T YOU GET THE ORGANIZATION TO SEARCH FOR HIM?
WHAT!? MEGUMI RAN AWAY FROM HOME?
EYES ALL WATERY WITH TEARS
I KNEW SHE WAS MY MOTHER.
LAST TIME, WHEN I SAW HER NERVOUS PANICKY EXPRESSION
SURPRISED
Mom... Mommy ...
Megumi still wonders if these two people really are his parents deep in his heart...
ETO, YOU SEEM REALLY HAPPY.
YOU SUDDENLY CALLED ME MOM AND MY BODY COULDN'T TAKE IT.
BONK
Sorry.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE.
!!!
PROVE TO ME THAT YOU REALLY ARE MY MOTHER!
GIVE ME PROOF!
Err ...
RESULTS FROM OUR DNA TEST
VIDEO OF YOUR BIRTH,
LIMBILICAL CORD,
YOUR NUDE BABY PICTURE,
uh ...
Um ...
Ehh ...
WHERE THE EXACT LOCATION OF ALL YOUR BIRTHMARKS ARE ON YOUR BODY ...
I ALSO KNOW...
chuckle
unable to do anything about it.
confronts the complexity of his mother's words with a confused expression,
shakes head like his life depended on it
WHY DON'T I TELL YOU WHERE THEY ARE ONE BY ONE?
...
The pure child...

One year ago,
AYE...
THIS FACE ANNOYS ME...
IT KEEPS REMINDING ME....
THAT THAT WOMAN AND I ARE BLOOD RELATED...
Megumi, after so many years, still can't accept the fact that Eto is his mother.
HUH?
GULP
STARES
You perverted old man! Don't you dare blush!
Blushes
I like it.
YOU AND YOUR MOTHER ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE ALIKE.
Even your young face is cool like hers.

Megumi has become this type of person.

Because of this,

END

I will work hard and get Volume 3 published (with much ambition)

The volume I'm working on now all have a fun attitude to them

Doesn't your face turn red and your heart beat faster after reading this?

Volume 2 just ends like this

THANK YOU FOR READING THIS VOLUME!

May/2000

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